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Court stymies grazing foes

Winmill upholds BLM's innovative Murphy rehab

A judge who has a reputation for supporting anti-grazing factions ordered livestock to remain on federal allotments in southeastern Owyhee County, a ruling being hailed as a "win-win-win" by a Three Creek rancher and lawmaker.

Idaho District Court Judge B. Lynn Winmill affirmed the federal government's recovery practices in the vast area damaged by the 2007 Murphy Complex Fire when he denied a preliminary injunction motion by Hailey-based Western Watersheds Project that sought a ban on grazing in areas of the Bureau of Land Management's Jarbidge Field Office.

"I view this decision as a win-

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Princess Puppet

Homedale library unveils new friend

Head librarian Margaret Fujishin introduces the princess who will appear in an upcoming Homedale Public Library-hosted puppet theater, opposite the king who should be arriving this week. Children's Story Time is held every Friday at 10:15 a.m. at the Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. For information, call 337-4228.

Circuit Breaker property tax help on the way

Representatives from the Owyhee County Assessor's Office are scheduled to make stops in four communities to help property owners with the Circuit Breaker property tax reduction program.

Assessor Brett Endicott announced the plan in a classified

ad appearing in today's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Deadline to submit the applications for property tax reduction is April 15.

Assessor's office personnel will be on hand from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

on March 25 and April 1 at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Two sessions are planned at the Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St. The first takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon on March 26, and

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Homedale misses federal stimulus request deadline

Money would help infrastructure; library building wish makes it in

Homedale officials say that a communication breakdown led to the city missing the deadline for filing requests for a piece of the massive stimulus package.

The city had submitted applications seeking more than \$1 million to complete the rehabilitation of the sewer system and drill a well at Riverside Park. But a 23-page document released by the State of Idaho on Thursday listed Homedale's requests among more than 50 that had missed the noon Wednesday deadline.

Another request, for \$280,000

for a new building for the Homedale Public Library, was filed on time, according to state records.

Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer was puzzled when he learned that the city's request wasn't received in time. He made phone calls to the DFM on Friday after inquiries by The Owyhee Avalanche revealed that the city's projects were on the late list.

Bauer said that a state official told him that there were some communication problems, not

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Bridge project brings traffic signals to town

Flaggers, lights to guide cars across narrowed span

Motorists can expect changes to their routine beginning at noon Sunday as the Homedale Snake River Bridge project begins.

According to Idaho Transportation Department spokesman Reed Hollinshead, the project contractor — Concrete Placing Co. Inc., of Boise — will set up traffic controls Sunday afternoon and begin work early Monday.

One lane of travel will be closed using a portable rail traffic barrier. Temporary traffic signals also will be in place

"Flaggers may be used during the project, but we will rely mainly on the traffic signals," Hollinshead said.

There will be one signal on the south side of the bridge, and three signals to the north — one for U.S. Highway 95 traffic, one for Batt Corner Road and one for Homedale Road.

The \$638,815 construction

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County's city councils meet today

The city councils for Owyhee County's three municipalities are scheduled to meet tonight.

The Homedale City Council meets at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. Councilmen are slated to discuss a resolution supporting Owyhee County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as well as departmental reports.

At 7 p.m., the council will hold a public hearing to amend the fiscal year 2009 budget to include \$1.5 million in additional funding

for water and sewer projects.

The Marsing City Council will meet in normal session at 7 p.m. at the Marsing City Hall, 425 S. Main St.

The preliminary agenda lists a presentation by city engineer Amy Woodruff on the awarding of contracts on bids received for the upgrade of existing water system facilities and the distribution phase as well. The council will hear from city attorney Stephanie Bonney on additions to the newly

adopted ordinance shifting common city ordinance misdemeanor offenses to infractions.

Woodruff will also report on the work with Owyhee County Planning and Zoning on the Marsing impact area.

An executive session addressing personnel is scheduled after the public meeting.

The Grand View City Council meets at 7 p.m. today at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. No agenda was provided.

Emergency services summit looks to set dispatch protocol

Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall held an Emergency Services Summit in Murphy last month, with the objective of developing a county-wide protocol for dispatch personnel.

Representatives of about 20 law enforcement, fire and emergency services agencies attended the Feb. 26 meeting.

A new protocol for use in times of emergency was needed, Crandall said, because of the differing systems of the many emergency responders who use the central county dispatch.

"Dispatch has been struggling with the different protocols used by all the different agencies, and bringing all of them together," Crandall said. "As well as the fact that part of the departments are inclusive of Canyon County and Elmore County, and we were unable to procure maps to those areas."

Money for training was also discussed, according to a press

release provided by Bev White, the sheriff's administrative assistant.

"Over 60 people gathered from the southern end of the county, Owyhee Indian Reservation services to the northern end with Homedale services," White wrote.

"Several groups came to the meeting with matching professional attire. Emergency responders were given time to voice concerns that needed attention. They also had opportunity to listen to dispatch personnel describe the great influx of phone calls that come in with an emergency. Protocol was discussed, and plans were made to solidify the suggestions into guidelines."

Those guidelines, though not yet finalized, will address problems in radio communications, dispatch protocol, mapping and classification of equipment, Crandall explained in an e-mail

to The Owyhee Avalanche. He added that a follow-up meeting will be held in Murphy at 9 a.m. on March 26.

"This (March 26) meeting will address the implementation of all agencies' protocols into one workable protocol to address all concerns of all the different agencies," he said.

White's release said that Shirley Fuchs — the 911 co-coordinator for the Owyhee County Assessor's Office — attended the meeting and offered help in her area of expertise.

She will be getting more detailed GPS coordinates to help all of the emergency services find locations quicker.

As of March 3, Crandall said that Fuchs had already completed this portion of the process, and has the GPS software installed and has begun updating the system information.

— MML

County probation heads for Marsing?

Sheriff hires dispatcher after another quits

The new Owyhee County annex building in Marsing may become the new headquarters of the county probation office, according to a conversation during the weekly Board of County Commissioners meeting Monday.

But after chief probation office Doris Jewett expressed concern that moving the entire operation to Marsing would be a burden on her officers because the bulk of probationers live in Homedale, Commissioners Dick Freund and George Hyer agreed an office at the Homedale Magistrate Court three days a week would be a good compromise.

BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland missed the morning session because he was at another meeting in Ontario, Ore., regarding Idaho Power's proposed Boardman-to-Hemingway transmission line.

Jewett told the commissioners that she has already moved into the Marsing office to use it as a supplement to the Homedale headquarters, but that she was unaware that the commissioners wanted to close the main office altogether. The county pays more than \$1,000 per month for a building at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North 1st Street West.

When Jewett said that her department would need three offices in Marsing to accommodate all three probation officers, District 2 Commissioner Hyer said, "Somebody will have to share."

"It will make it pretty inconvenient for two people to use one office, but we can make it work," Jewett said. "We would need some place to meet in Homedale,

though, because the bulk of our people are in Homedale."

The commissioners directed Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery to pursue early termination of the county's lease with Homedale landlord Gypsy Jackson. The move would save the county more than \$10,000 a year.

Dispatcher pay OK'd

The board approved pay for a new dispatcher in the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office. Elaine Bean will earn \$13.34 an hour.

"This puts us up to full staff," Sheriff Daryl Crandall said.

Crandall said another newly hired dispatcher had resigned. "It's probably not something we should get into here, but she left," he told the commissioners.

When Freund asked if job openings had been advertised, Crandall said:

"We went to Job Services long before January and put ads out and we built up a pool of people."

Crandall didn't take office until Jan. 12.

Juniper bid awarded

Commissioners Freund and Hyer approved Environmental Forestry as the contractor with the best bid to undertake a juniper mastication project for the Owyhee Local Working Group for sage-grouse conservation.

The LWG, a subcommittee of the county's Natural Resources Committee, recommended Environmental Forestry after reviewing the handful of bids that were open at the commissioners' March 2 meeting. Working group chair Donna Bennett presented the recommendation Monday.

Emery will review a contract before the hiring of Environmental Forestry is finalized.

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Idaho Power seeks public input on B2H

Committees of county residents, state, fed reps, others to determine route

Following comments and resistance from landowners, rounds of public meetings and two grassroots organizations fighting to move the line, Idaho Power has opened the doors to communities to help plot the Boardman-to-Hemingway (B2H) line's controversial route.

Idaho Power spokesperson Echo Chadwick refused to call the process a do-over — as the project itself is still a go, with National Environmental Policy Act and Oregon Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council applications in place — but it is a return to the design phase with the board open for suggestions. This decision removes the problematic Sand Hollow substation from the map, effectively allowing planners, now including residents of areas affected by the line, to determine where, and if, the proposed substation will be located, Chadwick said.

The Monday announcement spoke of the planned "coordination of a community advisory process to site the Boardman-to-Hemingway Transmission Project. The purpose of establishing the process is to engage and further include members of the local communities from Boardman, Ore., to Murphy, Idaho."

"We recognize the need to pause and listen as a result of the public participation and comments received through the federal and state permitting process," said Idaho Power's vice president, Delivery Engineering and Operations Lisa Grow. Grow went on to say that, while the need for the project hasn't changed, the approach to planning has.

"The intention is to conduct a comprehensive and inclusive public process to identify proposed and alternative routes required for this project to proceed," she said in the release.

The planned project community advisory process will involve community members, state and federal government agencies and company representatives. Members will address three elements: "Identification of community is-

suues and concerns, development of a range of possible routes that address community issues and concerns while following all federal, state, and local requirements, and recommendation of proposed and alternative routes with completion expected by the end of 2009."

In other words, residents will be brought on board to help in the siting and impact assessment process of the 500kV B2H transmission line's route. Existing proposed routes will remain on the map, but are now subject to suggestions and alternatives by the advisory committees.

Each regional advisory board will send a single member to a combined board, Chadwick explained.

"We are leveraging a proven collaborative approach with coordinating community advisory teams across our service area to establish this project siting process," said Idaho Power's delivery planning manager David Angell. "Feedback from prior participants indicates a successful experience for all involved, and we look forward to similar results for this project."

People will have a more direct say in where the line — subject to limitations due to resources, cities, wildlife and engineering concerns — goes. Idaho Power expects this process to be more useful than the previous system, it seems.

Chadwick said that details on exactly how advisory boards will be filled is yet to be determined, and comments from Stop Idaho Power — both the Malheur and Owyhee branches — were not available as of deadline. Owyhee County Commissioners had only just heard of the decision, and said they wanted to familiarize themselves with the development before commenting.

— MML

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Planning boards set meetings

Planning and Zoning boards have full agendas coming up.

The Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance governing vending licenses for temporary and transient vendors in the city limits. The hearing is set for 7 p.m. Monday at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The proposed ordinance sets a fee for and time limit on vending permits and also mandates guidelines for the different types of vendors who do business in town.

The P&Z commission will make a recommendation on the ordinance to the City Council.

Next month, the Owyhee Coun-

ty Planning and Zoning Commission has a scheduled packed with proposed amendments to the county's zoning ordinance.

The public hearing will take place at 10 a.m. on April 1 inside the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex Building, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

There are six amendments on the agenda, including one that could move the responsibility of reviewing historic building permit applications for Silver City from the Board of County Commissioners to the P&Z commission.

Other proposals include:

- Amending the section addressing temporary hardship

applications authorizing the P&Z administrator to issue a temporary hardship permit rather than require the matter be heard in a public hearing by the Planning and Zoning commission.

- Allowing the transfer of a conditional use permit from original applicant to another person by an administrative decision. Currently, transfers must go through the public hearing process.

- Language clarifying that the request for a time extension on a permit must be submitted prior to the expiration date.

- A process for a motion to reconsider a decision issued by the P&Z board.

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Library, schools apply for federal stimulus funding

The State of Idaho received several Owyhee County-related requests for stimulus funding before Wednesday's deadline.

One project submitted by county commissioners is being re-tooled because it didn't meet specific criteria for the category of funding that would be used, Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland said.

The state's Division of Financial Management (DFM) reported Thursday that the following re-

quests were in hand:

- A request for \$280,000 for a new Homedale Public Library facility, which would be built on land adjacent to Homedale City Hall that the City Council donated after a Feb. 26 presentation by library director Margaret Fujishin and library board chair Dawn Whitney.

- The Homedale School District is on the list for \$90,000 aimed at renovations and repairs.

- The Melba School District

also requested nearly \$460,000 for capital improvements at the high school/middle school and elementary school. The district has been struggling in the wake of failed bond elections.

One project missed criteria:

- Hoagland said that the county was hoping for about \$650,000 to fund a magnesium chloride dust control project for county roads. The money was sought through the Idaho Transportation Department, but Hoagland said the price

tag exceeded a \$500,000 cap set for related projects.

Hoagland said a scaled-back plan has been devised in an attempt to take advantage of the stimulus package.

The funding originally was available through the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council, but the program establishing the money pool was discontinued, the District 1 commissioner said.

Several state agencies have applied for funding, including about

\$4.8 million from the Military Division of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security to protect from fire 101 communications sites used by state and local agencies, including Squaw Butte, Cinnabar Mountain and South Mountain in Owyhee County.

An executive advisory that includes three former governors is set to make final recommendations to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter by Friday.

— JPB

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Stimulus: Mayor says city may still have a chance for consideration

only involving Homedale's requests, but several other agencies' wish lists. More than 50 projects missed the deadline, according to the state's account.

"It still may be all right," Mayor Harold Wilson said Friday. "Larry's made some calls, and (state officials) said they're getting a lot of calls."

Both Bauer and Wilson took some of the blame for the lateness of the requests.

"We were probably lax and should have been on top of it, and we weren't," the mayor said.

Wilson said he was "involved a little bit" in the formulation of the city's requests, but that Bauer and City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram did most of the work. The mayor said he also assisted library director Margaret Fujishin with the request for funding for a new building, adding that he and Fujishin originally were under the impression that the submission deadline was Thursday.

Bauer said that the City of Homedale didn't have its packet ready for Wilson's signature until 3:30 p.m. on March 3, less than

24 hours before the deadline. Wilson said he was unsure how the library's request was sent to Boise, but in an e-mail to the Avalanche later Friday, Fujishin said she e-mailed the library's project — which has a total price tag of nearly \$450,000 when factoring in more than \$168,000 in state investment pool funding — to Erin McCusker of the Idaho Commission for Libraries at 2 p.m. on March 3.

The city's request for \$653,000 to complete phases 3 and 4 of the sewer project and for \$550,000 to

drill and equip a new well were sent by mail, Bauer said. The money the city sought is above and beyond the bond money that voters approved three years ago, and Wilson said that the federal funds could help pay the bonds back early.

Bauer said one of the first alerts the city had to its possible eligibility for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was a Feb. 26 memo from Association of Idaho Cities Executive Director Ken Harward. Also posted to the AIC Web site, that memo was issued nine days after President Obama signed the stimulus legislation into law and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter issued

his executive order seeking funding requests.

Two days after the executive order was signed, the State of Idaho issued a press release with information on the funding opportunity as well as the announcement of a stimulus executive committee including former Govs. Phil Batt, John Evans and Cecil Andrus that will make recommendations on which of the \$4.75 billion in requests would be filled by a pool of a little more than \$1 billion in available funding.

The advisors will present recommendations to Otter by Friday.

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√ **Grazing:** Too early to tell if Murphy fire rehab philosophy will spread

win-win,” District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackets (R-Rogerson) said. “Western Watersheds is pleased with the decision, the BLM attorney calls it excellent and fair, and I’m very satisfied with the decision.”

“The fact that this was in Winmill’s court makes it even more significant.”

Bureau of Land Management Jarbidge Office manager Rick Vander Voet said cattle could have been kicked off the allotments for as many as 10 years if Winmill had sided with WWP.

In his ruling, Winmill upheld the BLM’s practice to allow grazing in Jarbidge areas not affected by the Murphy fire. WWP argued that livestock foraging on areas not affected by the fire was reducing remaining habitat for threatened species such as sage-grouse, pygmy rabbit and slickspot peppergrass.

“This is an important ruling in that if Watersheds had prevailed, this would be their template for the West,” Brackets said from Boise. “And the fact that they didn’t (prevail), hopefully this will chill (that tactic).”

The BLM has established a reopening criteria for land impacted by the fire that burned 400,000 acres of grazing allotments in the summer of 2007. Vander Voet said that between one and two percent

of the allotments affected by the fire have been reopened.

Vander Voet, who was named in WWP’s lawsuit, said last week that there were four criteria in the emergency stabilization and rehabilitation plan put in place in the aftermath of the fire. All four standards must be met before the land is put back into the grazing rotation. Vander Voet said this was different than the common practice of automatically removing land from grazing for two years after a wild fire.

Vander Voet said that it remains to be seen if the success of the criteria system will trigger a sea-change in the BLM’s philosophy on fire rehabilitation.

“The resumption of grazing is very controversial, and even within science there’s a lot of arguments on both sides by very reputable people,” Vander Voet said.

“If you go to timeframes, you’ll have people arguing for one year and people arguing for 10 years’ rest. And if you go with the criteria, some people would want strict science review.”

Vander Voet said strict science review is fiscally impractical, something that Winmill pointed out in his Feb. 26 ruling.

“It has to be an efficient use of taxpayers’ money,” Vander Voet said. “You can’t have a full-blown

Ph. D., dissertation on grazing (with each rehabilitation plan).”

Vander Voet said that the plan allowed managers to open pastures to grazing before the standard two-year retirement if the natural recovery of the land or the success of seeding projects met criteria.

“We focused the monitoring last year on some of the places on eyeball estimates and what the grazing folks and our folks were seeing on the ground,” he said. “Through that, we got a pretty good idea that they were going to meet the criteria.”

He said more grazing allotments could return to active service this year.

“Part of that decision is not exactly opening up to the same type of grazing that was going on before the fire,” Vander Voet said. “We could change the season of use to a dormant season when the plants aren’t growing and put live-

stock on in lighter numbers.”

While progress has been made through rehabilitation and the efforts of groups such as the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, which planted sagebrush seedlings last fall, Vander Voet said some allotments may not meet the criteria for another two or three years.

In its March 2008 filing that Winmill ruled upon last month, WWP sought the cessation of grazing on about 57 allotments. In May 2008, the judge excised 20 of those allotments from the case because they already had been covered by a stipulated settlement agreement in September 2005. Another eight allotments were tossed out in the May action because they contained no sage-grouse habitat.

Two more allotments were nullified based on a previous federal court ruling.

Vander Voet said that left 34 allotments affected by the Feb.

26 ruling. Winmill ordered the BLM to pay more attention to the special-status species (sage-grouse, pygmy rabbits and slickspot peppergrass) with habitats on those remaining nearly three dozen allotments — something that Vander Voet said his people already were doing.

Vander Voet said the ruling, hailed by WWP in a press release as the end of “grazing as usual”, actually derailed the possibility that cattle could have been removed from the land for as long as 10 years, until BLM completed a new resource management plan or fully processed permits.

— JPB

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√ **Bridge:** ITD also plans shoulder work on U.S. 95

project is the first major project on the bridge since it was built 40 years ago. Work is expected to last through mid-May.

This project will restore and overlay the bridge deck, which consists of two 16-foot travel lanes with a sidewalk on the west side.

The bridge was built in 1969, with no significant repairs since. An extra inch of thickness will be added to the bridge deck (driving surface) during the overlay, the approaches on both the north and south ends will be repaved for 50 feet. In addition, the bridge joints will be replaced and one of the piers patched.

Fifty feet of curb and gutter also will be replaced and 27 feet of guardrail reset.

More roadwork planned on U.S. 95

ITD crews soon will begin a monthlong shoulder-widening project Monday on a seven-mile section of U.S. 95 between milepost 26 and milepost 33.

Hollinshead said the work is in preparation for the pavement overlay project that is slated for next year on U.S. 95 between the south city limits of Homedale and roadway’s intersection with Idaho highway 55.

√ **Tax:** County staff fans out to help with Circuit Breaker

the second is slated for 10 a.m. to noon on April 2.

On March 31, Endicott will provide assistance at the Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., in Grand View beginning at 10:30 a.m. The representatives will move to the Bruneau Valley Library 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau, later that day from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Home visits are available for those who can’t attend.

To qualify, property owners must make no more than \$28,000 in net total household income and be 65 or older or widows, widowers and disabled people of any age.

Endicott told commissioners that the county tax base isn’t affected because the full bill is paid through sales tax revenues.

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Obituary

Ray G. Nebeker Sr.

On Wednesday, March 4, 2009, Ray G. Nebeker Sr., of Ridgeview, OR died of natural causes at the age of 86.

Ray, or "Papa" as he was affectionately known to all, was a lifelong shooting sports and photography enthusiast. He was born on Oct. 29, 1922 to Gertrude Helena Peterson and Alfred Jesse Nebeker, as one of seven children.

Ray graduated from West High School in Salt Lake City, UT and later joined the United States Army, serving in the airborne infantry during WWII. After his military service, Ray worked as a brakeman for the Rio Grande Railroad, where he met Cecil Josephine Burns.

Ray and Cecil were married on June 23, 1947 in Marysville, UT and later made their home in Salt Lake City. Ray worked as a printer for the Salt Lake Tribune until

1969, when the family moved to Kuna, ID, before moving to the Ridgeview/Adrian area in 1978.

Ray worked for the Idaho Statesman as a typesetter from 1969 until his retirement in 1984. Upon retirement, Ray farmed hay on his acreage near Adrian until 1998.

Ray and Cecil raised 12 successful children: Josette, Dixie, Daisy, Linda, Ray, Joe, Roger, John, Wayne, Trudy, Robyn and Tammie.

Ray was supportive of all of the children's various sports activities and interests and was proud of his 34 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and great, great granddaughter.

Ray is survived by Cecil, all of his children, and brother Don and sister Rosella.

Graveside services were held at Owyhee Cemetery near Adrian on March 10, at 2:30 p.m.

Death notices

JOHN KIRK, 67, a former Marsing resident, died in California on Feb. 1, 2009. Funeral services were held earlier this year in San Diego.

DWAIN GERALD MAYBON, 81, of Homedale, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at a local hospital. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2008 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Schools to survey parents

Parents of Homedale students will be asked questions about their perception of Homedale schools' educational programs, after-school activities, safety and more in a parent opinion survey to occur April 6-10.

Parent opinion survey results will be combined with staff and

student surveys and used by the district to formulate school improvement plans, said a release on Monday.

Surveys will be brought home by students and/or mailed, and each will be accompanied by an envelope to assure confidentiality.

Bean feeds on boil next week

The 67th annual Homedale American Legion Bean Feed will be held next Wednesday at the Legion Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave.

There will be door prizes and a free dinner. Happy hour will run from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The drawing for door prizes

will follow. Raffle tickets will be available at the event for 50 cents each or three for \$1.

For more information, call 337-3686.

The annual Boy Scouts Bean Feed will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. next Wednesday at the LDS Church in Homedale.

Senior menus

Marsing center

March 11: Beef tips w/buttered noodles, broccoli/cauliflower, peaches, wheat bread, shortcake.

March 12: Sweet & sour pork, brown rice, oriental vegetables, whole wheat bread, tropical fruit salad, fortune cookie.

March 16: Breakfast to order.

March 17: Corned beef dinner, creamy cucumbers, fruit salad, Irish soda bread, pistachio pudding.

March 18: Baked fish, rice pilaf, sweet & sour coleslaw, whole wheat bread, citrus sections, brownie.

Homedale center

March 11: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, roll, beverage.

March 12: Beef fajitas, California blend veggies, potato, beverage.

March 17: Corned beef cabbage, carrots, potatoes, roll, beverage.

March 18: Salisbury steak w/ onions, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, roll, beverage.

Rachel's Challenge comes to MHS

Marsing students and community members will have a chance to take part in the Rachel's Challenge message Thursday.

A 10 a.m. student assembly is slated, and the community event will be held at 7 p.m. Both will be held at Marsing High School, 301 8th Ave. W.

Teresa Bettleyon, the Federal Programs secretary for the Marsing School District, said that students from surrounding school districts — such as Homedale and Parma — also were invited.

Masons plan breakfast

Silver City Lodge No. 13 will host a scholarship breakfast Sunday at the Masonic Hall on West Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

For \$5, diners can enjoy an all-you-can-eat menu of ham, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and red syrup.

Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

March 11: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.

March 12: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

March 13: No school.

March 16: Wiener wrap or chicken bacon melt, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispy bar, milk.

March 17: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

March 18: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cake, milk.

Homedale Middle

March 11: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

March 12: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat, milk.

March 13: No school.

March 16: Hamburger or hot dog, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

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

March 18: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.

March 19: Spaghetti or chicken bacon melt, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

March 11: Idaho haystack, burrito or pizza hot pockets, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

March 12: Chicken patty, sandwich & soup or popcorn chicken, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

March 13: No school.

March 16: Pizza, popcorn chicken or chef salad, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

March 17: Chicken fried beef steak or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

March 18: Spaghetti, burrito, pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

March 11: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, chicken salad wrap, salad & fruit bar, milk.

March 12: Hot dog/chili dog, strawberries & bananas, rib-b-que, salad & fruit bar, milk.

March 13: No school.

March 16: Wiener wrap, veggie, dessert, sandwich, salad & fruit bar, milk.

March 17: Chicken burger, veggie, soup & sandwich, salad & fruit bar, milk.

March 18: Burrito, dessert, hot dog/chorizo, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Bruneau

March 11: Stromboli, pasta salad, veggie, fruit, cake, milk.

March 12: Chili & crackers, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll, milk.

March 13: Waffles & strawberries, scrambled eggs & cheese, hash browns, animal cookies, milk.

March 16: Ham, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, pears, roll/butter, milk.

March 17: Chicken wrap, fried rice, mandarin oranges, fortune cookie, milk.

March 18: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, roll/butter, fruit crisp, milk.

March 19: Corn dog, tots, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

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Calendar

Today

Line dancing lessons

1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

DivorceCare recovery support group

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

Grand View City Council meeting

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

Homedale City Council public hearing

7 p.m., amendment of FY 2009 budget, Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641

Marsing City Council meeting

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

Thursday

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting

10 a.m., 250 N Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Rachel's Challenge assembly

10 a.m., Marsing High School, 301 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4112

Exercise class

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

El-Ada commodity distribution

11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812

Gem Irrigation District special meeting

11:30 a.m., 118 W. 1st St. S., Homedale

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon

Noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3271

Senior citizens lunch

Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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

Owyhee Watershed Assessment meeting

6 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 37023 Ruth St., in Bruneau. (541) 372-5782.

Adrian school board meeting

7 p.m., Adrian School Library

Rachel's Challenge community event

7 p.m., Marsing High School, 301 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4112

AA meeting

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

Narcotics Anonymous book study

8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy 95 S., Homedale

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting

8 p.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Friday

Children's story time

10:15 a.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Grand View Lions Club meeting

11:30 a.m., Salinas Raider Cafe, 330 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2419

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program

6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Saturday

Youth beef field day

12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., RSVP by March 9, Marsing

High School ag shop, 208 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu

Homedale Basque Dance

6 p.m., live and silent auction, raffle, \$5, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale

Sunday

Masonic scholarship breakfast

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., all-you-can-eat, \$5, Silver City Lodge No. 13, West Idaho Avenue, Homedale.

Monday

County Board of Commissioners meeting

Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Marsing Lions Club meeting

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

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting

8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hw 95 S., Homedale

Tuesday

Foot clinic

9 a.m., appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Exercise class

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

El-Ada commodity distribution

1 p.m. to 4 p.m., El-Ada Owyhee office, 15 W. Colorado Ave. Homedale. (208) 337-4812

Senior citizens card games

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

Every Child Ready to Read

3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Children's story time

4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 W. 3rd St. S., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

6 p.m., Grand View fire station

Senior citizens dinner

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

AA meeting

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

Wednesday

El-Ada commodity distribution

11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812

Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon

Noon, free, RSVP required by Monday, Bruneau Valley Library, 37023 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345

Line dancing lessons

1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale American Legion Bean Feed

5 p.m. happy hour, 6 p.m., free dinner, door prizes, raffle tickets 50 cents each, three for \$1, Homedale American Legion Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3686

DivorceCare recovery support group

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

HHS Winter Sports Awards Banquet

7 p.m., Homedale Trojans Athletic Association presents, Homedale High School cafeteria, Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting

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

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Call 337-4681 for submission guidelines.



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U.S. used creditors in Europe to pull off the Louisiana Purchase

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Charles Dickens would only sleep in beds that were aligned from north to south. He believed that the magnetic currents of the Earth would flow through his body better in this position.

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Glenn Morris won the 1936 decathlon in the Olympics in Berlin. He then went on to play Tarzan in a movie called "Tarzan's Revenge", which was released in 1938. Only film he ever made.

Something I'd never thought about ... only five percent of all species of mammals are monogamous.

The only galaxy that we can see with our naked eye is Andromeda. It's about 2 million light years away and contains some 200 billion stars. We can see it best in November.

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

Chamber looking for business input

With Homedale city and business officials facing an April 16 sales pitch for their dream of downtown revitalization, Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker urges business owners to participate in the discussion at Thursday's monthly Chamber luncheon.

The luncheon takes place at noon at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant.

Business input is needed in the quest of the \$500,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant from the state Department of Commerce because, as Sage Community Resources business and community development director Pat Engel said, more involvement and input from the community will make the application more attractive to the Economic Advisory Council. That council makes the final recommendations to the Department of Commerce

on which grant applications to award.

Participation from business owners in the four-block area of Homedale's central downtown, surrounding the intersection of Main Street and Idaho Avenue, is especially needed.

That area is the one initially being considered for a sidewalks, curbs, gutters and lighting Local Improvement District (LID) to go with the grant-targeted Idaho Avenue corridor.

The LID, which would assess property owners based on linear feet of frontage affected by the improvements over 10 years, would be used to both show the involvement of the community in investing in the future of Homedale and to make sure the revitalization project was an ongoing one, Parker said.

Parker can be contacted at 337-3271.

BLM seeks RAC nominations

The Boise District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking nominations for positions on its 15-member Resource Advisory Council (RAC).

The BLM will evaluate nominees based on education, training, experience, and knowledge of the RAC's geographical area. Nomination forms are available

at the BLM Boise District Office until the April 13 cutoff.

For information on the RAC or the nomination process, visit: <http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en.html>, or contact MJ Byrne at (208) 384-3393 or Mary_J_Byrne@blm.gov. More information on positions available is posted on www.theowyheeavalanche.com.

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Young dancers warm up for big night

From left, Alyvia Moffis, Emma Parker, Megan Bowman and Josune Jaca dance during a recent clinic held at the Txoko Ona Basque Center.

Annual dance set for Saturday

The ninth annual Homedale Basque Dance is slated for Saturday at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., and admission is \$6 per person. The Oinkari Dancers of Boise and local Herribatza Dantzariak

troupe will perform. Both silent and live auctions will be held after the dance.

The group "Amuma Says No!" will provide music for dancing.

Chorizos, chili, pop, wine and beer will be available. A 52-inch HD TV will be raffled, as well.

Prep for fair under way for 4-H, FFA

The 4-H and FFA youth in Owyhee County are gearing up for the fair season with several events in the coming months.

The first livestock aimed at entry into the Aug. 3-7 Owyhee County Fair were put on the scales Saturday for the beef weigh-in.

The weigh-in took place at 7 a.m. at the fairgrounds for north county participants. A weigh-in for beef from the southern reaches of the county will be held at 3 p.m. at the Oreana home of Bill and Bev White. A weigh-in at Jordan Valley also is planned. Call Teresa Kershner at (208) 583-3333 for more information.

A swine weigh-in will be held on April 27 at 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds and 7 p.m. at the Wilson Schoolhouse. A weigh-in also is planned at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, but no time has been set yet.

Owyhee County horse judging is planned for April 27 as well.

Family Consumer Sciences and Miscellaneous member enrollment forms are due to the extension office by May 1.

On May 29, a sheep weigh-in is planned at 7 a.m. at the fairgrounds. A weigh-in also is planned at Rimrock, with the time to be announced.

Little Valley fixture Lahtinen to speak at Bruneau Valley Library

Bruneau native David Lahtinen's appearance for the Bruneau and Beyond luncheon speaker series has been rescheduled for noon next Wednesday.

The free lunch and Lahtinen's presentation will start at noon at the Bruneau Valley Library, 37023 Ruth St., Bruneau. RSVP by Monday to (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345 to ensure that

enough food is prepared for the program.

If there is an overflow crowd at the library, the event will be moved to the community church and notices posted at the library.

Lahtinen's family has been in the Bruneau area for four generations, beginning with his grandfather, Stone who was the first white man to settle in Little Valley.

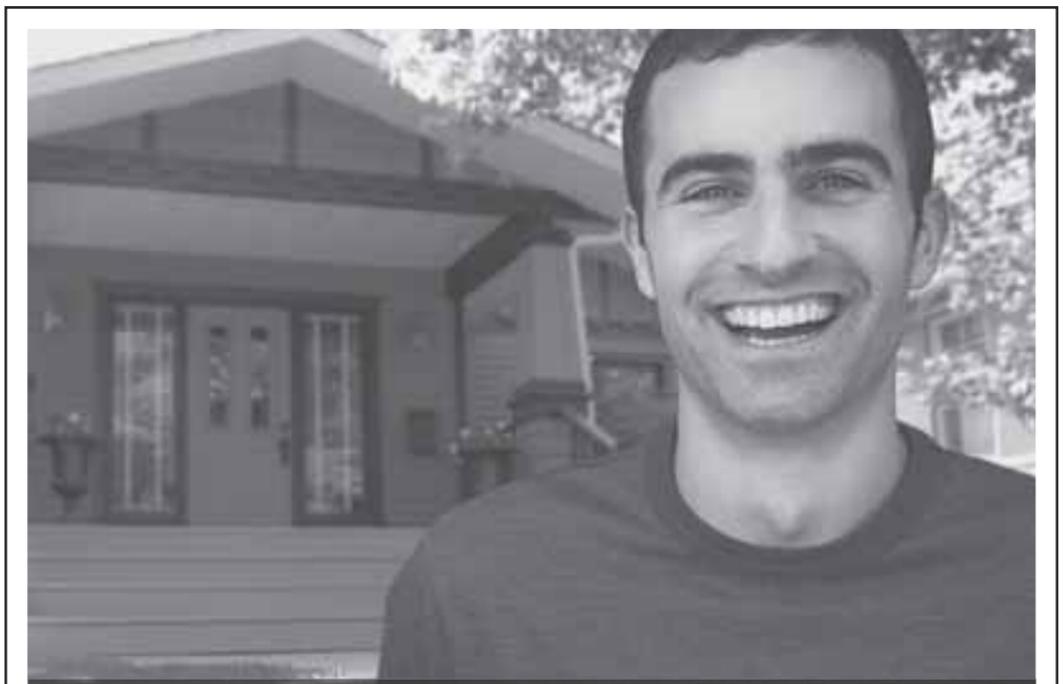


Owyhee Gems elect new officers

Club reporter Jacob Larsen reported on the Marsing-based Owyhee Gems 4-H club. The group's 4-H leaders, Becky Salove and Barb Dines, called a meeting on Feb. 22 to elect officers. Josh Larsen was named secretary/treasurer, Ethan Salove as sergeant at arms, Gage Ramirez was elected president, Seth Ramirez as vice president and Jacob Larsen as reporter.

From left, back: Josh Larsen, Gage Ramirez, Mykaela Dines, Justin Hiatt, Hayden Dines, Ethan Salove, Kaitlin Malmberg

From left, front: Seth Ramirez, Brady Dines, Jacob Larsen, Cole Hiatt, Brooke Richardson. Submitted photo



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Officer profile: Jeff Jensen

Jeff Jensen is the newest addition to the Homedale Police Department, hired in late October. Officer Jensen completed his field training officer program with the Boise Police Department before joining the Homedale department. He's been interested in law enforcement since high school, he said, dating his choice of profession back to a job fair that an Idaho State Police representative attended.

"There's not very many jobs where you get a chance to do something that has a direct effect on a community," he said. That involvement helped attract him to law enforcement.

The job also offers the bonus of variety, since you never know what will happen on a given day,

he said.

What makes a good cop?

"That's a really broad question," Jensen said. What an officer brings to the job seemed to be the measure of his quality, in Jensen's comments.

"There are so many different ways to do the job. You have to be ethical, fair and unbiased. You also have to deal with a lot of stuff — you have to put your feelings aside and make the right decisions."

How does he see Homedale?

"It's a good community, and it's good to see there are people out there with vested interests in the community," he said. He's also pleased with Homedale residents'



Jeff Jensen

alertness, and the reports that residents make when they see activity that they think might be suspicious. Getting citizens involved in community policing is a goal of every department, he said, and Homedale residents do a good job of that.

Jensen was born in Utah, and moved to Boise while in junior high school. He graduated Centennial High School and went on to get a degree in criminal justice from Boise State University. Jensen, his wife and two dogs live in Kuna. He's an avid outdoorsman when his schedule permits, and enjoys fishing and hunting, as well as shooting sporting clays.

Law enforcement briefs

In addition to the normal run of fender-benders and service calls, Homedale Police made a DUI arrest this week of Charles Glen Stuart of Homedale at Jacksons Shell station on March 3 at 10:57 p.m.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office indicated a Paul Dopp was served a warrant in Bingham County on Feb. 27, though the charge was not given.

A 14-foot car trailer was reported stolen from 3653 Industrial Road

in Homedale on March 2, at 5:47 p.m. The trailer was stolen on Feb. 28, Sheriff Daryl Crandall said. No other details on the case were released.

Jennifer Totman of Mesa, Ariz., was involved in an accident at milepost 4 of U.S. Highway 95. The accident, listed as involving injury, saw dispatch of the Marsing ambulance, and response from OCSO and Idaho State Police.

No other details were released.

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 35 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 884 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 27 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 253,484 acre-feet of water on Monday.

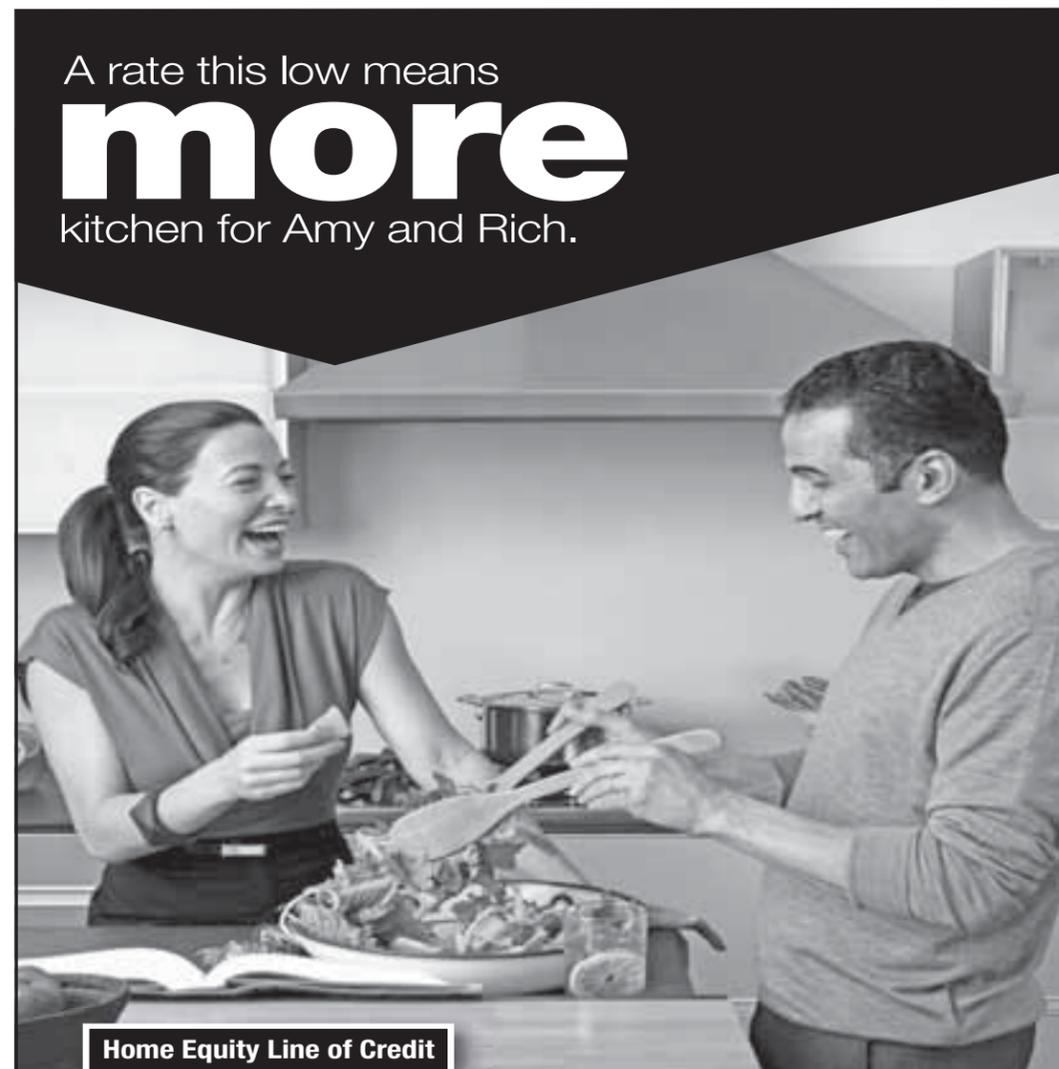
The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 8:30 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv. (measured in inches)	Snow Depth (measured in inches)	Year-to-date Precip. (measured in inches)	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
				Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
03/03	6.1	14.1	7.9	55.2	31.6	42.6
03/04	6.1	13.6	7.9	50.0	29.7	38.8
03/05	6.3	16.0	8.1	43.2	19.6	32.0
03/06	6.4	16.3	8.3	40.5	15.6	28.4
03/07	6.3	17.3	8.3	39.0	0.3	24.4
03/08	6.3	11.8	8.4	39.0	-0.2	21.9
03/09	6.2	14.4	8.4	38.5	17.4	27.3
Reynolds Creek						
No report - remote site offline						
South Mountain						
03/03	11.1	29.8	18.0	49.8	34.7	41.7
03/04	11.2	30.6	18.1	41.9	27.3	34.7
03/05	11.8	36.7	18.7	32.5	21.6	27.0
03/06	12.2	39.6	19.2	28.6	20.7	23.9
03/07	12.8	45.0	19.8	30.0	13.5	21.4
03/08	13.0	41.7	19.9	32.7	13.1	23.7
03/09	13.0	42.3	19.9	29.3	13.3	21.7

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Mar 3	66	33	.13
Mar 4	54	35	.15
Mar 5	49	35	.03
Mar 6	44	30	.03
Mar 7	49	19	.00
Mar 8	44	18	.00
Mar 9	49	16	.00



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Keep up with county news in the Avalanche

OCD weed grant blossoms

Gina Millard, administrative assistant at the Owyhee Conservation District (OCD) office, announced on Thursday that OCD received a noxious weed grant from the Idaho Department

of Agriculture. The \$29,000 — with a possible \$6,000 more arriving — will fund noxious weed management for the next 12 months in the county.

The office has scheduled a

meeting today at 10 a.m. to discuss the grant.

The meeting will be open to the public, and those with any questions can contact Millard at 896-4544 (ext. 102).

Marsing Gun Club membership shoot loads up

The Marsing Gun Club is looking for new shooters to add to its ranks, and will be offering a special chance to join on Sunday with its annual Membership Shoot at the gun club, located three miles south of Marsing on Idaho

highway 78 (look for the sign on the right). The event starts at 10 a.m.

For \$25 per family, newcomers get a one-year membership and an all-you-can-eat barbecue dinner. The \$25 fee also enters you

for raffle drawing for a rifle, Sportsman's Warehouse gift certificates and other raffle prizes. Shells will be available.

For more information, call Tim Dines (573-3321) or Marty Floyd (573-3533).

Watershed Council sets two meetings this week

In addition to today's regular board meeting, the Owyhee Watershed Council will hold a public forum Thursday in Bruneau addressing issues surrounding the Upper Owyhee Watershed Assessment.

The OWC's regular board meeting is set to take place at 4 p.m. today at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office on 8th Avenue West in Marsing.

The Owyhee Watershed As-

essment meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Bruneau Valley Library, 37023 Ruth St., in Bruneau.

For more information on either meeting, members of the public may call (541) 372-5782.

Homedale FFA Meat the Need project winds down

Pork parcelled out, March 17

After another season of raising pigs, the Homedale FFA chapter is ready for its annual Meat the Need project.

FFA members will distribute approximately 1,000 pounds of pork on Tuesday, March 17.

Twenty to 35 pounds of meat will go to local families, with the rest handed over to local churches

and the Homedale food bank. Chapter members will divide the meat during the school day on March 17.

Interested families can get more information on the availability of meat by calling a school counselor, chapter advisor Lori Harrison said.

Distribution will take place at the Homedale High School ag shop on the afternoon of March 17, or delivery by chapter members can be arranged, she said.

The FFA chapter members have volunteered their time since September to feed, water and care for the pigs daily. Laken Hiser is the chair of the Meat the Need committee, and the pigs once again were kept at Owyhee Dairy, which is owned by Dave and Sue Williams, the parents of chapter members Steve and Mark Williams.

Greenfield Custom Meats in Meridian will slaughter the pigs, Harrison said.



HHS adds 18 to National Honor Society

Fifteen Homedale High School juniors and three seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society during a Wednesday ceremony at the school. The seniors inducted were Amanda Stone, Joe Eckroat and Angelica Garibay. Juniors who joined the society included Elizabeth Baltierrez, Jake Tolmie, Kortney Stansell, Angelica Calderon, Jessica Eubanks, Matthew Farrell, Drew Farwell, Carmen Zatica, Megan Quintana, Jennifer Dixon, Guadalupe Ozuna-Garcia, Aaron Proferes, Kindra Galloway, Ashlynn Uria, and Vanessa Sanchez. Submitted photo

Volunteers finish first CERT training

Fifteen participants ranging in age from 13 to 80 took part in the first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training last month in Marsing.

The first in a series of free classes took place Feb. 28 at Lizard Butte Library and attracted trainees from Murphy, Marsing and Homedale.

Session instructor Marlene Moore said the trainees are anxious to continue their education in an effort to help the community as volunteer first-responders. Seven more units of CERT education are scheduled, with one class being held each month.

After completion of the CERT manual, trainees can take on advanced training in amateur radio and search and rescue techniques. Moore said the radio

classes are available in Canyon County and that the search and rescue classes most likely will be held in Murphy.

Moore said that people who complete the radio and search and rescue education will help support the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office during search and rescue operations, according to a press release issued by CERT organizers.

"We are also looking to recruit more CERT trainers/instructors," Moore said. "The classes are still open, and we are looking for Jeep and four-wheel clubs as well as HAM radio operators to participate in the training."

All training is free.

For more information on the program, call Marlene Moore at 896-5630.



CERT training under way

Marsing resident Marlene Moore kicks off the class in the Community Emergency Response Team training at Lizard Butte Library last month. Submitted photo




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High-caliber talent visits for Homedale Invite

Track season begins Thursday for HHS, Marsing

A new era begins and a tradition of strength continues Thursday at the Homedale Track and Field Invitational.

The meet at the Deward Bell Stadium oval marks the first meet at which Jim Eisentrager will lead the Marsing High School squad.

It also marks one of only two chances that the home folk will have to see the Trojans in action on their home turf.

Greenleaf Friends Academy distance runner Kendra Graber — a Homedale resident and a silver medalist at last year's 1A

state meet — will be on hand Thursday with her Grizzlies teammates as well athletes from Idaho City, Notus and New Plymouth.

Returning this year for Homedale are school record- and 3A state title-holders Austin

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Trojan freshmen stepped up, helped struggling squad

Submitted by Kevin Cornwall, HHS JV girls' basketball coach

The Homedale girls' JV basketball team finished up its season Feb. 3 with a loss to Weiser in the first round of the SRV district tournament. Although it was disappointing to end the season with a tournament loss, it is important to keep our season in perspective. We knew we might struggle this year at the JV level, as we had only two sophomores (Sydney Cornwall and Taylor Thomas), and had to bring five freshmen (Bryce Osborn, Deena Emry, Kylie Farwell, Laurien Mavey, and Aubrey Nash) up to play JV. We also called upon Raven Kelly and Kylie Kushlan to help out on the JV team early in the season. We knew that this would be a season where our focus would need to be on player development more than wins and losses.

It was a lot to ask of the freshmen girls to play at a level higher than they might normally play and we couldn't be more pleased with the way they responded. They never got overly discouraged with the win-loss record aspect of our season, and instead kept their focus on learning our system, improving their skills, and developing as players. I have rarely seen a group of girls work as hard — and be as coachable — as these girls were. They did everything we asked of them with excellent attitudes and it really showed in the improvements made by each and every girl on the team. The sophomores were able to provide some leadership and experience and all the girls were able to gain experience from getting plenty of playing time.

We were competitive in every game we played, with only a few double-digit losses (most of our games were close) and even logged a few wins on the season. Most importantly, we want to focus on the positive things from this season. The girls kept a great positive attitude, worked hard, had fun, and every one of them improved as basketball players. We are very excited to have

Homedale JV 2008-09

Overall record: 3-14

Scoring averages

Cornwall, Sydney 7.4

Emry, Deena 3.5

Farwell, Kylie 4.9

Mavey, Laurien 2.9

Nash, Aubrey 3.1

Osborn, Bryce 4.9

Thomas, Taylor 4.9

Top rebounder — Bryce Osborn

Most notable statistic:

Free throw percentages

First 12 games: 43%

Last 5 games: 54%

these girls in our program and we know if they will continue to take the approach they did this season, and participate in our summer program, they have a bright future ahead of them.

Outlook for 2009-10

Based on the numbers in our program this year, next year we will have only two seniors, two juniors and 13 sophomores. This means that there will be a number of this year's freshmen that will be called upon to step up and play at the varsity level.

Right now we see the competition for varsity spots as being wide open. There are several girls that could compete for a spot on the varsity roster (including some of those who played on the freshman team this year).

The fact that a player played JV as a freshman does not guarantee them a position on varsity as a sophomore. It will really depend on the progress each girl makes during the off-season.

As far as next year's JV squad goes, we have a number of quality kids that will be sophomores next year, so we don't anticipate a similar situation of having a bunch of freshmen playing JV. The freshmen girls all improved a good deal and we are optimistic about next year's season at the JV level.



Thomas takes aim for Trojans

Homedale High School sophomore Taylor Thomas takes a shot over a Fruitland defender during the final regular-season game for the Trojans' junior varsity girls' basketball team. Thomas averaged nearly five points per game.

Tennis power challenges Homedale

Trojans, Huskies face off on diamond

One of the top 3A tennis teams in the state visits Friday as Homedale High School kicks off its season.

A 4 p.m. dual meet between The Community School from Sun Valley and the Trojans marks a quick and busy start to the spring sports season for Homedale and Marsing high schools.

The baseball and softball teams from the two schools will share the diamond during a series of games Friday.

The Trojans' varsity baseball team, with second-year coach Burke Deal at the helm, will play host to Marsing at 4:30 p.m., while the Huskies' junior varsity will entertain Homedale.

Homedale's varsity softball team, which finished third at the 3A state tournament in May, opens the season at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Sundance Park against Marsing. The two schools' junior varsity squads face off in Marsing at the same time.

The Trojans were scheduled to open the season against Parma on Thursday, but HHS athletic director David Hart announced Friday last week that the contest had been canceled.

Homedale's baseball season starts Thursday against Parma. The varsity is on the road, while the JV will be at home.

Christine Trousdell, who was expected to be confirmed as Homedale's new golf coach during Monday's school board meeting, has been preparing the Trojans for their season opener today in Oregon. Homedale participates in the 18-hole Ontario Invitational.

Coach Mark Weekes' Homedale tennis team draws a tough assignment for its season opener at home Friday. The Community School has won 10 of the last 11 3A

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Sports

Young bowlers get scholarships

Local bowlers earned \$550 in college scholarship awards for their performances at the Homedale Youth Bowling City Tournament last month at Owyhee Lanes.

Several local sponsors helped make the Feb. 7 tournament possible by contributing scholarship money: Hwy. 95

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Doubles tournament winners — 1. Dusti Marose and Coliana Travis, 1251 series; 2. Danny Gomez and Tyler Scott, 1235; 3. Shelby Lee and Kevin Purvis, 1172

Singles tournament winners — 1. Dalamar Travis, 695; 2. Dusti Marose, 658; 3. Shyanne Kelly, 602

High game awards
Boys— Seniors: Danny Gomez, 247; Juniors: Tommy Muir, 198
Girls— Seniors: Dusti Marose, 253; Juniors: Shyanne Kelly, 228

Marsing Youth Sports has room for a few more

There's still time, just, to enroll interested young athletes in the Marsing Youth Sports Summer Recreation program. Cutoff for registration will be Thursday — though, so long as spaces exist on teams, later-comers will be welcomed, organizer Jim Briggs said.

The teams for the Babe Ruth 8U and 10U softball are most in need of a few more players at this point, he said.

Those interested should contact Brandie Campbell at 896-6095.

"If the teams aren't full, we'll still take applications," Briggs said. "But, if they're full, they'll

be closed."

Practice will start in early- or mid-April, and play itself in early- or mid-May, he said.

Registration for T-Ball costs \$30 this year, \$50 for girls' fast-pitch softball and boys' Cal Ripken baseball, and \$60 for Babe Ruth.

Invite: Fans may have to wait to see Emry in action

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Emry and Nickole D'Alessio, although coach Thomas Thomas said he doesn't envision using Emry at Thursday's meet.

A senior and two-time high jump state champion, Emry recently signed a national letter of intent to compete for the University of Montana. He also just completed a boys' basketball season in which he missed three games with an sprained ankle. Emry holds the Trojans' high jump record at 6 feet, 7³/₄ inches, setting the record at May's state meet in Boise. He also won the 3A state title in the long jump to close his junior season.

D'Alessio enters her junior season with the school shot put record firmly in her grasp after winning the state title with a heave

of 35-7³/₄ last year.

Trent Acree, who finished second at State and set the school record in the triple jump (43-2¹/₄), is back for his junior season.

Acree, Emry and 2008 graduate Daniel Valadez (last year's discus state champ) helped Homedale's boys finish fourth in the team standings at the state meet.

Thomas said several other standouts from last year's squad are back, including state meet qualifiers Kindra Galloway, Annamaria Salas and Rachelle Christoffersen. He also said he expects some of his younger athletes to make a splash this season.

Eisentrager succeeds Don Heller at the helm of the Huskies' program.

Spring: Sun Valley school one of state's top 3A teams

From Page 13

District IV championships and has captured five state championships since 2001.

Returning state qualifiers for The Community School include junior Paul Davis and seniors Chet Stephens, Courtney Hamilton and Emmy Reilly. In all, six singles

players and six doubles team from The Community School qualified for the state meet last year.

Hamilton finished third in the girls' singles ladder at Vallivue High School in May.

Homedale has one returning state qualifier in sophomore Tanner Lair.

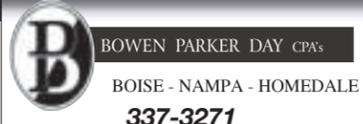


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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 14, 1984

County offers registration of vehicles by mail

A new service for renewing automobile registrations by mail is now being offered through the Owyhee County Assessor's office in Murphy.

Tom Brunzell, Owyhee County Assessor, said that effective with those licenses expiring in March and ending in the number "3" courtesy notices along with instructions for transacting renewals by mail have been sent to registered automobile owners within the county.

Through the new computer system, owners will be reminded and offered the service at the first of each month their licenses are due to expire.

Brunzell affirmed that within 10 days upon his office receiving correct and complete information, as well as remittance of fees, the renewed licenses and stickers will be returned to the applicant by mail.

"The system will better serve all Owyhee County automobile owners," Brunzell said, "but in particular it will accommodate those people who are inconvenienced by long distances to a motor vehicle license clerk, or who had conflicting time schedules."

"Lost" skiers found in Jordan Valley motel

The Owyhee County Sheriff's office in Murphy was notified Saturday night that ten people were missing from a cross-country skiing expedition into Silver City, but the search was called off early Sunday morning, before rescue plans were completed, according to Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton.

Nettleton said his office was called from Silver City at about 10pm Saturday, but about 12:30 the party called back to cancel the search. Nettleton said he had no names of any of those involved.

The sheriff said fourteen skiers in five vehicles parked at the DeLamar Mine turnoff, about 10 miles from Silver City on Jordan Creek.

Four of the skiers reached Silver City, Nettleton said, and became concerned about the others of the party. They notified the sheriff's office of the situation at about 10pm.

The other ten skiers had, it turned out, gone back to the vehicles and driven to Jordan Valley where they checked into a motel.

The four who made it into Silver City spent the night in the Idaho Hotel.

Silver Star chapter honors members

Silver Star Chapter No. 83, OES, honored thirteen Past Matrons, six Past Patrons and four 25-year members at its regular meeting on March 6 with 32 present. Maie DeCardoville, Associate Matron, presided in the absence of Worthy Matron Ferne Jesenko, who was ill. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron John Jackson welcomed Donene and Mel Burbank of Boise Chapter No. 65, Candace Silveria and Freda Bowman of Hermosa Chapter No. 32, Caldwell.

Mrs. DeCardoville presented Martha Titmus and Lula Nazworthy with their 25-year pins. Bertha Turner and Lorraine Stone were unable to be present to accept their pins.

Ruby Orton reported that Jewel Scott is home from the hospital where she had undergone surgery. She also reported that JoAnne Thompson, Adelaide Bennett, Joe Bennett and Burt Orris were on the sick list.

Trojans lose out in tournament play

Thursday's game against Filer ended with a one-point gap, but in favor of the Magic Valley squad. The Trojans were in the lead 55-51 until the final two minutes, when Scott Turner's three-point goal made it 57-56 with 1:53 left. Andy Sackett tied it at 57-all with one of two free throws and then Lee Chadwick and Gregg Hall each a pair of free throws to make it 61-57.

Homedale was led by Gary Kushlan with 15 points while Larry Corta and Junior Randy Shanley each added 13.

50 years ago

March 12, 1959

Post office will move to Potter building

The post office department has approved a move to a new location for the Homedale post office. Rep. Hamer Budge announced in Washington Tuesday.

The post office will be transferred to the Iola Potter building on Main Street. This is a cinder block building which formerly was occupied by the Western Hardware and Appliance.

Congressman Budge said the building will be remodeled to government specifications and will provide approximately twice the space now available in the present office.

Homedale postmaster Vic Uria said he had received no word, but the post office will probably be moved about May 1, after alterations are made to the building at the new location.

Homedale C of C soon to issue ad brochure

Brochures advertising the Homedale area will soon be printed, it was reported at the regular monthly meeting of the Homedale chamber of commerce held Tuesday noon at El Gavilan.

The chamber also voted to order 3,000 multi-color maps through the Treasure Valley chambers of commerce. The Homedale chamber hopes to join with the Owyhee County planning board in printing and distributing these maps.

The membership drive has netted \$402 to date and Kenneth Downing, secretary-treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$626.16.

Neighbors offer family help

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Marsing, certainly appreciate Western friendliness.

Mr. Brown has been in a Missouri hospital for the past three weeks but Tuesday he could look forward to having his crops in on time when all his neighbors pitched in with equipment to work his field and plant his crops. The neighbor women helped Mrs. Brown with dinner and other tasks. The Brown farm is located about eight miles southeast of Homedale near Marsing.

Trojans eliminated from tournament by Kavemen

The Homedale Trojans turned their attention to baseball this week as their hopes of entering the regional basketball tournament at Jerome March 19-21 were dashed Saturday night when Kuna's Kavemen won a decisive 47-27 victory.

Kuna thus became to runner-up to the district 3 class AA champions, the Middleton Vikings, who surprised everyone by taking the tournament crown at Caldwell Friday night.

Homedale won the right to play for the runner-up spot by defeating Wilder 55-49 Thursday night and Parma 67-66 Friday night. The Parma fracas had to go into an overtime period.

Lyle Taggart to go on mission

Lyle Ray Taggart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taggart, Homedale, who graduated from Homedale high in 1956 and attended the Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, for the last two years, will leave Salt Lake City March 30 via jet air transportation for a South African mission where he will serve for two years.

Mr. Taggart has been employed with the Idaho First National bank at Homedale for the past 10 months.

A farewell testimonial was held in honor of Elder Taggart March 8 at the LDS church.

Finds Indian artifacts

Mac Parkins, Northside farmer, has been picking up Indian artifacts on the place he farms, just below the old lower pumping plant on Snake River, near the Herman Thornton home.

Recently while plowing he struck ashes and blackened earth with his plow-share, and decided he must be plowing into the remains of some Indian campfires or firepots.

140 years ago

March 6, 1869

MISSING. Serious apprehensions are felt in regard to the safety of Mr. Jno. Anderson, of the firm of Sonna, Anderson & Co., of this place. He left here on the 26th of January to the Payette, and thence to where the cattle belonging to the company are kept on Snake river. Supposing him to be there, his friends here felt no alarm until the 10th inst., when they learned that he had not reached there.

For some time parties have been searching for him in vain. The last heard of him is that a man riding a horse similar to his was seen near Knapp's ford of the Boise three miles below the canyon. Whether he attempted to cross and was drowned, or foul play has been used, no one can tell. Parties who have searched the river for miles below think it almost impossible that he could have been drowned.

The horse he rode was a bay with bald face, cropped ears, four white feet, branded E. B. on the left hip, and vented on the rump.

Any information that will lead to the discovery of his fate will be thankfully received by the above named firm in Boise city. *Statesman*.

GOOD NEWS. A gentleman in Montana has invented a velocipede which embodies the power to climb mountain roads with ease. Won't it be gay to run races up and down War Eagle, though? We have sent for one and will go into training as soon as the snow clears away.

SILVER CORD. The south extension of the Silver Cord, lately incorporated in San Francisco, location on War Eagle Mountain, near the original mine of that name, is going to be worked. Mr. Jones, formerly of the Cosmos Mill has been appointed Superintendent of the new Company, and has returned with instructions to prosecute the matter without delay. Mr. Jones has already let the contract for sinking a shaft, to Pete Nick, who will bring his accustomed energy and promptness to the work, and we will soon be enabled to record more mineral disclosures.

BURNT POWDER. The Republicans of Silver City fired several hundred guns on Thursday, in honor of the inauguration of Grant as President of the United States. Some of the "patriots" remarked at the time, that they were firing Grant in and shooting Johnson out. Well, poor fellows, they have a perfect right to shoot Johnson out, as they were the same parties that shot him in. Take care, gentlemen, that you do not be as anxious to shoot Grant out at the expiration of four years as you are now to perform that service for Johnson. History has been known to repeat itself.

AMUSING. Politics "ran very high," as the saying is, among the juveniles of both sexes who attend Mr. Hill's school, on Inauguration Day. The different parties divided and carried on a regular war. Several fights and amusing incidents occurred. A little Democrat from Ruby says he licked two or three, and is ready to "clean out" any Republican of his "weight" in the Territory. A little girl informed us that her beau, who is a Republican "threw off" on her, because she was a Democrat — but she "didn't care a snap." With the shades of night war ceased, and fraternal feeling restored once more.

DANCING CLUB. The first dance under the auspices of the "Silver City Social Club," came off on Wednesday evening at Theater Hall. The attendance was not large, but the deficiency in that respect was made up by the zeal for dancing manifested on the occasion. The Club will give another entertainment on next Wednesday night.

O. R. JOHNSON, Esq., Superintendent of the Railroad Stage Line was in town this week. It is rumored that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Eugene Howard, of Boise City, have purchased the line. We have not learned whether the transfer has been made or not.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense

Abandoned horses saga continues



I had a visit with the president of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) recently about the abandoned horse issue. My question to him was: "Since the problem is a direct result of the banning of equine slaughter plants, for which his group led the charge, what are they willing to do to help those of us who have inherited the responsibility for the mess they have made?"

We discussed the woefully inadequate plan to put them in "refuges". We both agreed that euthanasia is not a bad thing, but dumping your unwanted horse along the roadside, in private pastures, or on park land to die of starvation is not humane.

We considered having equine animal shelters, like dog pounds. Maybe one in every state that would accept horses at no charge, hold them for 30 days in hopes they could be adopted, then euthanasia. The facility should include a free pick-up service, a large "feedlot" to hold them, and a rendering plant. He did not readily agree that his group would finance this national program. But they are the richest animal rights group in the world and what better way, I thought, to put their money where their convictions are.

The HSUS has made legitimate criticism of how some horses destined for distant slaughter plants in Canada and Mexico are transported. We livestock people are responsible for the animals in our care from conception until death. We cannot turn a blind eye to double-decked trucks, too long hauls and mistreatment. The Department of Transportation or Agriculture should have laws that guarantee the horses' well being. We should ensure their enforcement.

It's good that we are talking, but this winter the public's awareness of the problem, and their deeper understanding of the cause seems to be lifting the veil of the ignorance which often blinds the naive but well-meaning, be they horse lovers, politicians or journalists. Starving horses are not a pretty sight.

Three states — with more to come — North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana are taking steps to examine the construction of horse slaughter plants to replace the ones the animal-righters have had banned in Texas and Illinois. The day these new plants open up, the abandoned horse problem, with all its unintended abuse, will disappear. There would be a place for them to go.

There are several groups scrabbling around for answers this cold winter to save unwanted horses from the misjudgment of these well-intentioned but irresponsible "animal lovers." I hear from them regularly. I suggest if you are one of these sale barn operators, ranchers, park rangers, farmers or rural residents who have inherited the problem, take photos of the horses, good or bad, that have been dumped in your area. Then when a new state applies for a permit to build a new horse slaughter plant and the animal rights group protest, we will have an entire "Gallery of Abandoned Horses" to show the public the inhumanity of their policy. These photos would be very convincing. Our facts versus their perception. Of course, we could put pictures of abandoned horses on milk cartons with the caption "Brought to you by HSUS, PETA and the 'Frenchmen Should Not Eat Horsemeat Society!'"

—Baxter Black has helped establish www.abandonedhorses.com to document cases of equine abuse, abandonment and neglect. Submit photos of affected horses with city and state of origin to sendphotos@amillionhorses.com.

Michael Lane, reporter

Eyes on Owyhee

Separating fact from fiction



Public records aren't the ones you borrow at the library from the audio-books shelf.

They are records that any member of the public may request from a government or other agency, which are defined by law as being something the public has a right to know. They include things like criminal citations, military records, government certifications, budgets of public entities and so on.

They belong to you, the reader, and to everyone else.

These records, and access to them, are often a point of friction between journalists and government or other public bodies, whether it's the Treasury Department or your local irrigation board. Moreso now, in the age of identity theft and liability, when gun-shy agencies would rather deal with reams of public records requests rather than mistakenly release something that was not a part of the public record.

But does that fear do anyone — outside the insurance industry — any favors?

In most cases, the answer is no.

Owyhee County's new nondisclosure guidelines, currently being put into place under the advice of County Prosecutor Douglas Emery, are not a bad idea. There is no reason to release Social Security numbers, ever, to anyone. Not in a world with thriving identity theft. Likewise, full birthdates are also not something that should be released, unless it is the only route for positive identification of individuals.

But that's where redaction needs to stop.

Digging up dirt is not the reason reporters make public records requests. They make them in order to be accurate, and to answer questions that have been, or should be, asked. Accurate information is the difference between public rumors, supposition, prejudice and assumptions of guilt or innocence, and a valid, factual view of a situation involving the public.

The line between information that should be suppressed and that which shouldn't is narrow. While there are excellent reasons to redact full birthdates to avoid potential identity theft, there are equally good reasons that releasing the age of individuals involved in legal action should happen. Though a newspaper doesn't need to know that John Smith, dogcatcher and three-time pedophile suspect, was born April 1, 1960, it is important that he be identified as John Smith, 49, to ensure other John Smiths aren't mistakenly identified as him. Possible impacts in cases like that are obvious. Town of residence is another identifier that is vital.

Under statute, the names of individuals cited or arrested have to be released, along with the charge made — though the narrative surrounding ongoing cases is optional — and those names involved in incidents handled by both the Homedale Police Department and Owyhee County Sheriff's Office have been largely absent from incident logs provided through the county dispatch center for the past two months. Individuals arrested on warrants have not had the nature of the warrant listed, either.

— See *Fact*, page 17

Wayne Cornell

Not important ...

but possibly of interest

Chinese, Americans appear to be more alike than not



We returned to the United States from China on Election Day. It was too late to fly on to Idaho that evening from L.A. As soon as we got squared away at our hotel, the six members of our family traveling group went down the street and got some real American hamburgers with fries. The burgers may not have been as healthy as real Chinese food, but they sure tasted good.

It's been four months since we returned from China. It only has been in recent weeks that I've really had a chance to reflect on the trip. Two and a half weeks after we returned, I fell, dislocating my ankle and breaking it in three places. I remember on the day of the accident, waking up after surgery and thinking to myself, "I'm sure glad this didn't happen a month ago because our tickets were nonrefundable."

The year before we went to China we spent two weeks in Europe. When I compare the two adventures, I have to admit I enjoyed the European trip more. I'm sure that's because my ancestors came from Europe and even though I don't speak German, Italian or French, those countries didn't seem as "foreign" as China. And it's not just a language thing. There are more people in China who speak English than there are people in the United States who speak English. That's food for thought.

For me, the most fascinating thing about China was simply being there. I remember when I was six years old, listening to radio reports of the "hordes" of Chinese soldiers attacking American troops in Korea. Even at that age, I remember the stories of how even when the Chinese were mowed down by the hundreds or thousands, they just kept coming — as if they valued human life less than

we do.

When we were in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, a lot of the Chinese tourists were there to see Mao's tomb. And many of the tour groups appeared to be made up of men who were military veterans — men old enough that some of them may have been survivors of the Korean War "hordes." Several of these men approached us and wanted to have their pictures taken with us. They didn't impress me as people who don't value life as much as we do. Maybe their culture has changed in the past 50 years. Or maybe we just misunderstood it.

In recent years, it seems to have become fashionable, especially in Europe, to bad mouth everything American. A lot of Europeans seem to believe we are responsible for most of the ills of the world. They think we should learn to be more like them — more sophisticated — more "worldly."

The Chinese don't bad mouth Americas — at least not where we can hear them. Everywhere we went in China the people seemed happy to meet us — not just because we were spending some money — but because they genuinely liked us — more so than the residents of some European countries. Although China is technically a Communist country, I came away with the feeling that the Chinese identify more closely with Americans than a lot of our so-called European allies.

Both America and China have changed a lot in the short time since our visit. Our economy has taken a nosedive. China's economy is pretty much based on making things for United States consumers. Hundreds of factories in

— See *Alike*, page 17

Commentary

Financial management

Garish casinos prove gamblers can't prosper

Dear Dave,

My brother is 30 years old, and he just lost his job. He doesn't have any debt, but he's started gambling in order to make money. He's won a few times, and when he does he's very generous with the winnings. Still, how can I make him see this is a disaster waiting to happen?

— Emily

Dear Emily,

You say he's "started" gambling. Is this new behavior? Is he an addict, or just desperate? That will affect how willing he's going to be to listen to you.

Either way, what he's doing is really dumb. Sure, you can have a loving, heart-to-heart, sit-down conversation with him, and let



him know how much you're worried. In fact, this is something

you should do very soon. But the question remains, is he mature enough and rational enough that it will make a difference?

The movies and cable networks have glamorized poker and the world of gambling. But there's one sure way to tell whether the house will win or you will win in the long run. Look at your place,

and then look at theirs. You may pick up a few dollars here and there by sheer luck, but they throw down millions just to re-decorate a lobby. Where do you think they got that money? From dummies who thought they could beat the system!

Really, what he needs is a job!

— Dave

Letter

to the editor

Rancher remembers ride with Paul Harvey for OCA event

As long as I can remember, Paul Harvey was radio's voice of reason. What he said was the way it was, and his commentary on the Rest of the Story made us aware of ... well, the rest of the story.

Today, when I came in at noon, Linda told me that Paul Harvey had died. I'm not embarrassed to say I instantly shed a tear or two and recalled the time I met the man.

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Action Committee organized a fundraiser during the Sagebrush Rebellion, and Paul Harvey was contracted to be keynote speaker.

On the evening of 20 June 1980, I picked up Mr. Harvey at Caldwell's Saratoga Hotel for the event staged at Simplot Stadium. He climbed up to the seat beside me, and we pulled out with Forest Fretwell as outrider. A big piece of paper blew streaming from an alley, spooking his horse and wrapping around my off wheeler's front feet. The leaders weren't bothered much by it, and neither was Mr. Harvey. He said he'd worked horses on the farm and had tense moments with them.

"I would like to hear the stories this stagecoach could tell," then he paused. "... If only it could talk." I told him I'd restored it, and he replied that he restored the car that he and his wife, Angel, had taken on their honeymoon.

When we arrived at the stadium, Dick Bass, Ace Black, Jim Anderson and Paul Nettleton escorted him to the podium.

Mike F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

√ Alike: Chinese have suffered with economic downturn as well

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China have shut down. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese who moved to the cities from the rural areas to work in those factories are out of work and many have had to return to the hinterlands. While I have done my share of griping about everything being "Made in China" at the expense of American jobs, after meeting some of the Chinese workers, it's hard not to feel badly for them, too.

People are the same the world over. Americans want to make a decent living for their families. Chinese want exactly the same thing. And just when fairly large numbers of Chinese were starting to build that better life, the bottom fell out. I don't see many of them willingly returning to the old ways. I may not be a big fan of their food, but I wish the Chinese people well.

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

√ Fact: Disclosure halts unfounded rumors

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Not only does squelching that information lead to the spooky possibility of an arrested individual simply disappearing into the legal machinery, it limits public access by making legal requests for information more difficult. It's obviously harder to determine why police cars and an ambulance were parked at the local bank when an incident log is limited to "battery, arrest made" and no name is provided.

Accuracy in information helps, coincidentally, to kill rumors; especially in smaller communities. Unlike an event unfolding in Boise, anything of note that happens in Owyhee County will directly touch a percentage of the population, and will be discussed, and at length, whether facts are available or not. In the example, above, someone might know — or, worse, think they know — who was arrested, but without that information on the incident log, what should be fact turns immediately to guesses and wishful thinking.

If accurate official records are not made available, that lack is rewarded with increasing spirals of gradually more distorted rumor and suppositions of guilt and favoritism

from those who know nothing of the case in question.

Those are not good outcomes.

Ignoring problems, or failing to look for them, does not make problems go away. Improper use of funds, illegal operations, mistaken protocols that lead to legal issues, none of those get better by being ignored; by being "left alone since it's not a big deal" or because "so-and-so is trying their best."

A reporter's job is to tell the truth, to report the legal record, and to do so with all the facts that they can access. While protecting someone from identity theft is a worthy rule, it's equally important not to lose the transparency that is required in government and society in general.

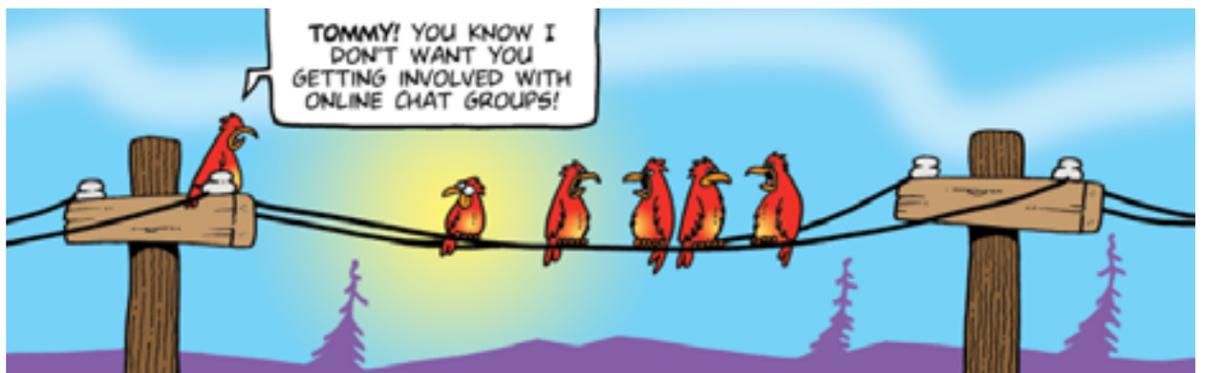
Government employees, local, city and federal, as well as corporate offices, charities, even schools or churches, are not magically immune to corruption, error or mismanagement. Public records are the window that allows every citizen the oversight needed to ensure that is not the case.

Plato asked it first, "*Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?*" — Who will watch the watchmen?

We all do.

Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



What in the wilderness is Tundra? It's a new feature The Owyhee Avalanche is giving a spin. Chad Carpenter is an award-winning cartoonist who looks at life through his own unusual prism each week. Let us know what you think of this new addition to the Avalanche lineup. E-mail jon@owyheeavalanche.com or call 337-4681.

Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

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

The Owyhee Avalanche

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FEBRUARY 23, 2009 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner's Hoagland, Freund, and Hyer, Clerk Sherburn, Assessor Endicott, Treasurer Richards, and Sheriff Crandall.

I.C. 67-2345 (f) executive session called.

Amendments included: teleconference regarding Boardman-Hemingway Gateway, request for proposals

Conference call regarding Idaho Power Gateway.

Adoption of Ordinance 09-01 Setting Regular Board Meetings.

Certificate of Residency to North Idaho College

Indigent & Charity 09-01 lien and approval.

Discussion on Courthouse Security. No action.

Engineering Proposal request approved.

Recess until February 24th and 26th for meetings on Power grid.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk's office or on line at owyheecounty.net.

/s/Jerry Hoagland, Chairman
Attest:/s/Charlotte Sherburn
3/11/09

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 1st, 2009, beginning at 10:00 AM. in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho located at 17069 Basey Street, to consider proposed amendments to the Owyhee County Zoning Ordinance. After the hearings, the Commission will take up administrative matters as time permits.

Notice of Amendments to Owyhee County Zoning Ordinance:

- Amend Section 01-04 DEFINITIONS to: Add a definition of "Attached Accessory Living Quarters". Amend the definition of "CAFO" to be consistent with the definition of CAFO as found in Idaho Code Title 67-6529C

Amend the definition of "Cottage Industry" to not allow the cottage industry to adversely impact the surrounding area.

Add a definition of "Final Decision"

Add a definition of "Ill, Elderly or Disabled Person"

Add a definition of "In Home Business"

- Add a new Section in chapter 03 which provides a process for a motion to reconsider a decision issued by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Amend Section 04-04-A Allowed uses in Zone A to include attached living quarters to an existing dwelling to be used for the ill elderly or disabled.

- Amend section 05-01 Nature of Conditional use Permits to allow a process for a conditional use permit to be transferred from the original applicant to another person by an administrative decision rather than a public hearing process. Also add language to the section clarifying that a request for time extension must be submitted prior to the expiration of a permit.

- Amend Section 06-06 (Silver City Ordinance) PROCEDURES to change the process for review of Silver City historic building permit applications to be heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission rather than by the Board of County Commissioners.

- Amend Section 11-01 Temporary Hardship Application to allow for a temporary hardship permit to be issued by the Planning and Zoning Administrator rather than by a public hearing.

For additional information on any of the above matters, please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.

3/11/09

NOTICE

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners is seeking proposals for provision of engineering services for planning and zoning issues as a county engineer. The Board is seeking proposals from Idaho State licensed engineers to perform engineering services.

Any engineer or engineering company intending to submit a proposal for county engineering services for planning and zoning issues for the period of May 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 should submit to the Clerk of the Board an original, and five [5] copies of your proposal. The proposal must be submitted to the Clerk no later than March 31st, 2009 at 5:00 pm. Proposals should be addressed to PO Box 128. Murphy, Id. 83650 or hand delivered by the deadline or your proposal will not be considered.

Your proposal should include professional qualifications, description of licenses and certifications, and may include at your discretion, a list of referral clients.

In a separate sealed envelope please include the rate of remuneration which you will set for engineering services. If your rate differs for such services as review of preliminary plats, final plats, review of Federal and State regulations regarding landfill and other environmental categories, please specify differing rates that you will charge. You may submit your proposal in terms of hourly rate, monthly rate, or yearly rate.

Between April 1st, 2009 and April 13th 2009, if the Commissioners have questions regarding proposals submitted, those questions will be forwarded in writing or an interview may be scheduled. Selection of the proposal which best serves the fiscal and engineering services needs of Owyhee County will be made on April 28th, 2009 at 1:00 PM. This date may be extended at the discretion of the Board. The Board may, at their discretion, reject all proposals.

If you have any questions regarding this request for proposal, please contact Charlotte Sherburn Clerk of the Board at 208-495-2421.

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PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION SEEKS YOUR OPINIONS ATTENTION OWYHEE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND LANDOWNERS:

We need your help and input as we start the process of developing an update to the Owyhee County Comprehensive Plan. The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning

Commission is seeking your input on this process through a short survey which is available on the County website www.owyheecounty.net

If you do not have access to the internet, you can request a paper copy of the survey be mailed to you.

It is very important for us to receive your survey response and opinions. The survey will be available on the web site until March 31st, 2009 at 5:00 PM. Your survey must be completed by March 31st, 2009 at 5:00 PM, or be post marked by the same date to be accepted and included in the analysis. If you have questions about the survey, or the Comprehensive Plan revision process, please call 208-495-2095.

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NOTICE

Marsing Ambulance Service Inc., annual meeting will be held March 25, 2009 at 8:00 pm at the Marsing Rural Fire Station.

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NOTICE

Gem Irrigation District will hold a special meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 11:30 a.m., at their office 118 W 1st St. So. in Homedale, Idaho. The meeting is called to address the vacancy in Division 4.

3/11/09

LEGAL NOTICE

Pioneer Mini Storage, LLC will sell at a Silent Bid Auction on March 24, 2009, the stored household belongings of the delinquent account listed below. Bids will be accepted at 4155 Pioneer Road, Homedale, ID at 11:30 am. Minimum bid is \$374.00. Goods to be sold in accordance with Idaho Code.

Bob Holmes, 2355 Hwy 201, Nyssa, OR 97913 Unit #B-17

Goods to be sold may be cancelled without notice prior to auction.

3/11,18/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: February 14, 2009 File No.: 7777.28441 Sale date and time (local time): June 18, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 9486 Hard Trigger Rd Marsing, ID 83641-3641 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: John D. Williams, an unmarried man Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Meritage Mortgage Company

Recording date: September 1, 2006 Recorder's instrument number: 257986 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 14, 2009: \$176,886.09 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: A parcel of land in the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter; thence South along the West boundary of the said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, 500 feet to the True point of beginning; thence East 1,320 feet parallel to the North line of the said Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter to the East boundary; thence South 190 feet along the East boundary; thence West 660 feet parallel to the South boundary; thence North 40 feet; thence West 660 feet parallel to the South boundary; thence North along the West boundary 150 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7777.28441) 1002.111576-FEI

2/25;3/4,11,18/09

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV09-0992 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: Margie ByBee Jess
A petition by Margie ByBee Jess born on 12-6-52 in Twin Falls, Idaho now residing in Grand View, proposing a change in name to ByBee has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being George A. Jess and I have separated.

The petitioner's father has died and the names of the petitioner's near relatives are: Ray Colyer, Lola Blossom

Such petition will be heard at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on April 6, 2009, in courtroom number 1 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.

Witness my hand and seal of said District Court this 26th day of February, 2009.

Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk of the District Court

By Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk

3/11,18,25;4/1/09

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO CV-09-0957 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: Alora Rose Hipwell
Date of Birth: 12-22-06

A Petition to change the name of Alora Rose Hipwell, born 12-22-06 in Boise, State of Idaho now residing at Grand View to Alora Rose Bramley-Hipwell.

The children's father is living. The children's mother is living.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 o'clock am on March 13, 2009, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: 2/9/09

Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk of the District Court

By Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk

2/18,25;3/4,11/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: February 5, 2009 File No.: 7301.24290 Sale date and time (local time): June 08, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 6322 Shari Hill Way fka Route 1 Box 455 Marsing, ID 83639 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: Janet E. Warner, an unmarried woman Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Capitol Commerce Mortgage Co. Recording date: December 29, 2000 Recorder's instrument number: 234709 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 5, 2009: \$78,060.63 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: Lot 3, Block 1 in Shari Hill Estates Phase 1 Subdivision, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Plat recorded as Instrument No. 211614, records of said County Recorder, Owyhee County, Idaho. 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# 7301.24290) 1002.110349-FEI

2/18,25;3/4,11/09

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Public notices

**ATTENTION:
RESIDENTS OF GRAND
VIEW
IMPORTANT
INFORMATION ABOUT
YOUR DRINKING WATER:**

Effective January 1, 2006 the US Environmental Protection Agency reduced the drinking water standard for Arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. The two Wells supplying water to the Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. was tested on **February 9, 2009** and has an Arsenic concentration of **0.19 ppb** of which is above the 10 ppb Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set forth by the EPA. This is considered to be at the violation of the federal drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you have a right to know what is happening, what you should do and what your water association is doing to continue to keep in compliance. The Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. is still required to provide quarterly public notice of this excess EPA standard Arsenic level. Until such time as Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) notifies the Association that this notice is no longer required you will continue to receive this notice quarterly.

What happened? Arsenic is a natural deposit occurring element thought to enter the water source from contact with natural rock formations.

What health effects? Arsenic can cause adverse health effects, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, skin changes, nervous system damage, and various forms of cancer.

What is being done? On the second Wednesday of each month there are regular Water & Sewer Board and the City Council meetings at City Hall – 425 Boise Ave. at 7:00 pm. Questions are encouraged concerning your drinking water and other issues.

IDEQ has made a revised loan offer to The Grand View Water and Sewer Association, Inc. for 1.5 m. The Water and Sewer Board at the December 10, 2008 City Council and Water & Sewer regular meeting motioned, seconded and a unanimous voted to accept IDEQ Revised Loan Offer.

Our application for the ICDBG grant in the amount of \$360,000 to the Idaho Department of Commerce has made the short list in the first round. There are two more lists and/or reviews of this application. Some time in March or April 2009 we will receive notice if we will made the second list.

What should I do? It will be each citizen's choice to use alternative drinking water (e.g., bottled) or drink City of Grand View water the choice is the total responsibility of each citizen. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your Doctor.

For more information, please contact Grand View City Hall - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 8:00am to 5:00pm, lunch 12:30 to 1:30 – (208) 834-2700 - Closed all major holidays.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. The City of Grand View has notified owners of properties to supply copies to their residence. (For example, people in apartments, manufactured home parks,

businesses and schools) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Thank you, Helana Race
Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. Secretary / Treasurer
February 27, 2009
3/11/09

**The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
2-10416**

GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT, PO BOX 67, HOMEDALE ID 83628
Point(s) of Diversion NWSE S32 T04N R05W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED RIVER
Tributary To COLUMBIA RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 30 CFS
Total Diversion: 30 CFS
Date Filed: 12/06/2007
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION
Remark: Place of use is the Gem Irrigation District service area.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 03/23/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
3/4,11/09

**The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
55-13887**

THOMAS QUINTANA, 3824 US HWY 95, HOMEDALE ID 83628
Point(s) of Diversion NESW S29 T06S R03W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED STREAM
Tributary To MAMMOTH CREEK

Point(s) of Diversion NWSE S29 T06S R03W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED STREAM
Tributary To MAMMOTH CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 2.5 AFA
Total Diversion: 2.5 AFA
Date Filed: 10/17/2008
Place Of Use:

STOCKWATER STORAGE T06S R03W S29 NESW NWSE

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 03/23/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
3/4,11/09

**The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
55-13888**

THOMAS QUINTANA, 3824 US HWY 95, HOMEDALE ID 83628

Point(s) of Diversion SWSE S18 T06S R03W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED STREAM

Tributary To DEER CREEK
Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 4.1 AFA

Total Diversion: 4.1 AFA
Date Filed: 10/17/2008
Place Of Use:

STOCKWATER STORAGE T06S R03W S18 SWSE

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 03/23/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
3/4,11/09

**The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
55-13889**

THOMAS QUINTANA, 3824 US HWY 95, HOMEDALE ID 83628

Point(s) of Diversion NENW S36 T06S R04W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED STREAM

Tributary To DEER CREEK
Point(s) of Diversion SESW S25 T06S R04W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED STREAM

Tributary To DEER CREEK
Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 4.1 AFA

Total Diversion: 4.1 AFA
Date Filed: 10/17/2008
Place Of Use:

STOCKWATER STORAGE T06S R04W S25 SESW T06S R04W S36 NENW

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 03/23/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
3/4,11/09

**The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
55-13891**

THOMAS QUINTANA, 3824 US HWY 95, HOMEDALE ID 83628

Point(s) of Diversion NESE S24 T06S R04W OWYHEE County Source DEER CREEK
Tributary To BOULDER CREEK

Point(s) of Diversion NENE S25 T06S R04W OWYHEE County Source DEER CREEK
Tributary To BOULDER CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 20 AFA

Total Diversion: 20 AFA
Date Filed: 12/05/2008
Place Of Use:

STOCKWATER STORAGE T06S R04W S24 NESE

T06S R04W S25 NENE
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 03/23/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
3/4,11/09

**The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
55-13892**

THOMAS QUINTANA, 3824 US HWY 95, HOMEDALE ID 83628

Point(s) of Diversion SWNW S7 T07S R04W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED STREAM

Tributary To OLD MAN CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 8 AFA

Total Diversion: 8 AFA
Date Filed: 12/23/2008
Place Of Use:

STOCKWATER STORAGE T07S R04W S7 SWNW

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 03/23/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
3/4,11/09

**The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
55-13893**

THOMAS QUINTANA, 3824 US HWY 95, HOMEDALE ID 83628

Point(s) of Diversion NWSE S1 T07S R05W OWYHEE County Source OLD MAN CREEK

Tributary To BIG BOULDER CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 2 AFA

Total Diversion: 2 AFA
Date Filed: 12/23/2008
Place Of Use:

STOCKWATER STORAGE T07S R05W S1 NWSE

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 03/23/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
3/4,11/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Notice of Trustee's Sale Idaho

Code 45-1506 Today's date: February 14, 2009 File No.: 7023.19431 Sale date and time (local time): June 18, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 10 East Montana Avenue Homedale, ID 83628 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: Maricruz Calderon Cortez, a married woman as her sole and separate property and Efrain Calderon, an unmarried man Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Republic Mortgage Corporation Recording date: September 16, 1997 Recorder's instrument number: 222902 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 14, 2009: \$61,985.61 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: Lots 10 and 11 of Block 71 and the West one-half (1/2) of the North South Alley, of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. Together with that portion of vacated alley adjoining West side of Lot 11, which, upon vacation, attached to said lot by operation of law. 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# 7023.19431) 1002.111546- FEI

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Rubber Stamps

Made to order

The Owyhee Avalanche

337-4681

Public notices

LEGAL NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OR HEARING

The Marsing Senior Center a nonprofit organization intends to seek Federal Transit Administration assistance for operating, preventive maintenance, capital, administrative expenses through the Idaho Transportation Department's funding application to meet locally developed strategies identified and prioritized in Local Mobility Management Network plans. Notice is hereby given that public comment regarding the accessibility routes and any other pertinent information is solicited from the general public, persons with disabilities, elderly individuals and their respective organizations, and private or competing transportation providers. A district meeting will be held to provide a final opportunity for comment at which time a public hearing may be held if requested at Idaho Transportation Department, 4:00PM-6:00PM Main Conference Room, 3131 W. State Street, Boise, ID.

For information about the proposed grant application prior to the District meeting, requests may be directed to Alana Squires at the Marsing Senior Center, 208-896-4634.

3/11/09

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV09-0985 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of WALTER H. YARBROUGH, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. 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 this Notice 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 26th day of February, 2009.

/s/Stephen A. Yarbrough, Box 337, Grand View, ID 83624, 208-834-2205

/s/Melville W. Fisher II, Fisher Pusch & Alderman, LLP, PO Box 1308, Boise, ID 83701. 208-331-1000 Fax 208-331-2400, Attorney for Personal Representative.

3/4,11,18/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IDAHO CODE 45-1506 LOAN NO.: LTE 209640 T.S. NO.: 10078.1438

On 5/29/2009 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), At the entrance to the Owyhee County courthouse located at 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC as Trustee on behalf of the beneficiary will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows:

See Legal description attached hereto and made part hereof

The Trustee has no knowledge

of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: **8106 Sommer Camp Rd, Melba, ID 83641**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: **Robert L. Miller and Elizabeth M. Miller, husband and wife**, As grantors, To: **Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, an Idaho Corporation**, As Trustee, for the benefit and security of **James Brunel and Deborah Brunel**, As Beneficiary, dated **8/5/2004**, recorded **8/13/2004**, as Instrument No. **248815**, records of **Owyhee County, Idaho**.

Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), ID Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein.

The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated **8/5/2004**. **INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PLUS IMPOUNDS AND / OR ADVANCES WHICH BECAME DUE On 6/1/2008 PLUS LATE CHARGES, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, BALLOON PAYMENTS, PLUS IMPOUNDS AND/ OR ADVANCES AND LATE CHARGES THAT BECOME PAYABLE.** The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is **\$119,610.40**, plus accrued interest at the rate of **7%** per annum from **01/07/2009**. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated: **January 26, 2009**

By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC

Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Trustee Officer

EXHIBIT A

A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying South and West of the Opaline Ditch and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

South 89° 42' 33" West 438.00 feet along the Southerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, which is also the centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a PK nail, said PK nail also being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

South 89° 42' 33" West 892.75 feet along said Southerly boundary and centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a brass cap marking the

Southwest corner of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12; thence leaving said Southerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12

North 0° 02' 48" West 1159.70 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, and centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a point; thence leaving said Westerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, and centerline of Sommer Camp Road

North 89° 43' 00" East 154.00 feet to an iron pin; thence

North 0° 02' 48" West 169.00 feet to a point marking the Northerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12; thence

North 89° 43' 00" East 230.60 feet along the said Northerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter to a point marking the centerline of Opaline Ditch; thence leaving said Northerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, and along the centerline of said Opaline Ditch the following courses and distances; thence

South 34° 12' 58" East 16.00 feet to a point; thence

South 76° 44' 20" East 344.07 feet to a point of curve to the right, said curve having a central angle of 22° 52' 23", a radius of 385.57, tangents of 78.00 feet and a long chord of 152.90 feet bearing

South 65° 18' 09" East to a point of ending of curve; thence

South 53° 51' 57" East 25.52 feet to a point; thence leaving said centerline of said Opaline Ditch

South 0° 17' 18" East 1154.99 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING THEREFROM: A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

North 89° 42' 33" East 494.44 feet along the Southerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, which is also the centerline of Sommer Camp Road to a PK nail, said PK nail being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 89° 42' 33" East 220.24 feet along said Southerly boundary and centerline to a PK nail; thence leaving said Southerly boundary and centerline

North 0° 17' 27" West 197.78 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 89° 42' 33" West 220.24 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 0° 17' 27" East 197.78 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

3/4,11,18,25/09

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 2, 2009, at the hour of eleven o'clock a.m. of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property

situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel I:

A portion of the Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows:

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

North 89° 16' 11" West along the South boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter a distance of 60.01 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 89° 16' 11" West along said South boundary a distance of 602.12 feet; thence

North 00° 17' 29" East a distance of 355.38 feet; thence

South 59° 03' 30" East a distance of 536.77 feet; thence

South 65° 36' 33" East a distance of 39.44 feet; thence

South 76° 26' 47" East a distance of 53.04 feet; thence

South 69° 20' 07" East a distance of 45.58 feet; thence

South 69° 20' 00" East a distance of 10.60 feet; thence

South 00° 15' 38" West parallel with the East boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter a distance of 38.51 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Excepting therefrom any mobile home(s) located thereon.

Parcel II:

A 21.00 foot wide ingress-egress easement, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter; thence North 89° 16' 11" West along the South boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter a distance of 662.10 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 89° 16' 11" West a distance of 21.00 feet; thence

North 00° 30' 38" East a distance of 355.37 feet; thence

South 89° 16' 11" East parallel with the South boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter a distance of 21.00 feet; thence

South 00° 30' 38" West a distance of 355.37 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the

above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 3500 PIONEER ROAD, HOMEDALE, IDAHO, may sometimes be associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ROBA D. VAUGHAN, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, and HOPKINS MORTGAGE FUND, LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company "as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series "A" Debenture Holders," as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on July 24, 2007, as Instrument No. 261836, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated July 23, 2007, in the amount of \$1,304.68 per month for October 2008 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.

The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$136,144.55 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of eleven percent (11%) per annum from September 20, 2008; plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from February 13, 2009, until the default is cured; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2009.

By: Mark D. Perison - of the Firm, Attorneys for Trustee, PO Box 6575, Boise, ID 83707-6576. (208) 331-1200

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. 928059 T.S. No. ID-09-230716-TD On 6/8/2009, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee on behalf of CitiMortgage, Inc. will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE State of Idaho, and described as follows: TRACT I: Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Block 13 of the REVISED TOWNSITE OF BUTTE, now the City of MARSING, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed March 9, 1946 as Instrument No. 71472, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. TRACT II: Lot 1, Block 2, BOSMA'S SUBDIVISION NO. 2 in the W1/2 SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed November 13, 1941 as Instrument No. 63244, in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 924 FRANKLIN ROAD, MARSING, ID 83639 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JOHN F RENZ AND DOLORES C RENZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor/Trustor, in which ASSOCIATES HOME EQUITY, is named as Beneficiary and PIONEER TITLE COMPANY as Trustee and recorded 5/17/2000 as Instrument No. 232380 in book - , page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of OWYHEE County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which

this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 5/16/2000. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$629.48, due per month for the months of 10/5/2008 through 1/14/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$73,400.38 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 8.8100 per cent (%) per annum from 9/5/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 2/3/2009 By: First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego CA 92101, as Agent ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 2990825

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. fc21052-21 On 06/17/2009, at 11:00AM of said day, In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Located on the Corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, First American Title Insurance Company, 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: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the East half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian; thence West along the South line of the Section 33 a distance of 327 feet; thence North 173 feet, at right angles to the said South line; thence East 327 feet, parallel to said South line, to a point in the East line of said East One-Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33; thence South 173 feet, at right angles to said South line, and along said East line to the Initial Point, all in Owyhee County, Idaho. Parcel No. R903N04W336599A The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 5998 Highway 55, Marsing, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Robert D. Root, as Grantors, to Pioneer Title, Trustee, and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lender, as the Beneficiary, on a Deed of Trust Recorded on August 31, 2006 as Document No. 257957 in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest was assigned to the Bank of New York, as Trustee, on behalf of CIT Mortgage Loan Trust, 2007-1, by an Assignment of Mortgage or Deed of Trust dated December 5, 2008, and recorded on January 7, 2009 as Instrument No. 267133, in records of said County. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4) (a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$736.44 for the months of 07/01/2008 and all subsequent

monthly payments, late charges, and advances accruing after the date of this document. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$83,665.08 as principal, plus services charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, and any and all funds expended by said Beneficiary to protect its security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 10.350% from 06/01/2008 to the date of sale herein described. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: February 9, 2009 First American Title Insurance Company, Trustee By: Foreclosurelink, Inc., Agent By: Sara Barens Title: Vice President First American Title Insurance Company c/o Foreclosurelink, Inc. 4401 Hazel Ave Suite 225 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 (916) 962-1334 (fax) ASAP# 2993406

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On June 12th 2009 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 23, Block 1, ROYAL VISTA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the plat recorded April 4, 2002 as instrument No. 239203, records of said County

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 2669 Royal Vista Drive, Homedale, Idaho 83628 MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by executed by KENNETH SAMFORD, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE

AND SEPARATE PROPERTY as Trustor to ALLIANCE TITLE as original Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC (MERS) the Beneficiary solely as nominee for FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORP. AN OP. SUB. OF MLB&T CO., FSB and it's successors and assigns, on that certain Deed of Trust dated June 7th 2007 and recorded as Instrument Number 261685 Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The beneficial interest of which was assigned to First Franklin Financial Corporation.

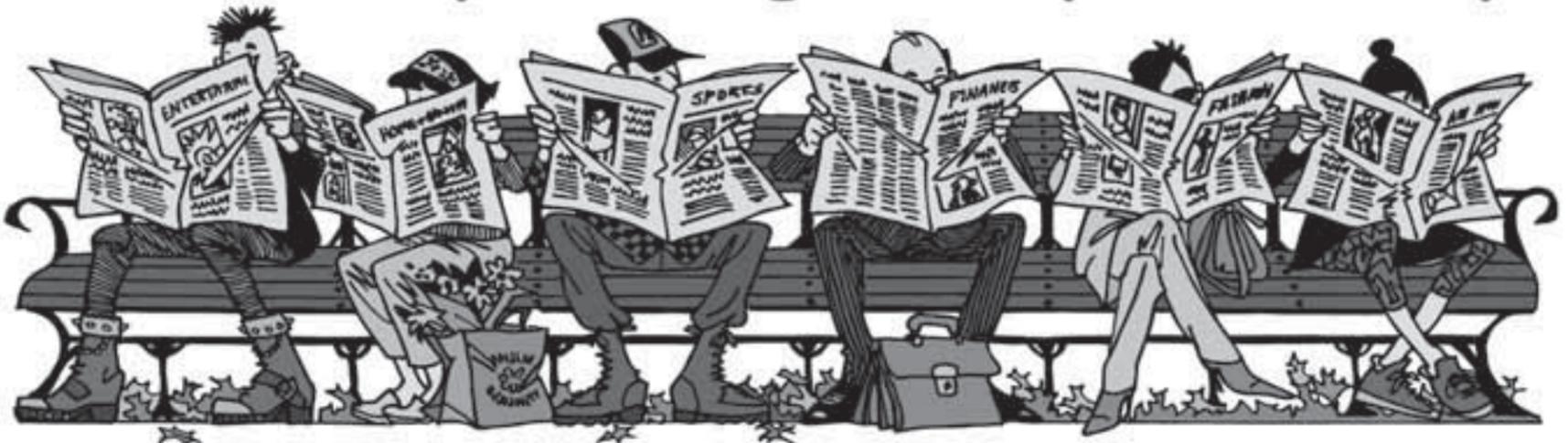
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), of the IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay, when due, under said Deed of Trust Note, monthly, principal, interest taxes and insurance payments in an amount not less than \$2,088.60 for the month of October 2008 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; and the principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$228,004.86 plus accruing interest and 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

Dated: 2/10/2009
By: /s/Bruce J. Blohowiak, Successor Trustee
Mail to: Bruce J. Blohowiak, ALGEO, CLARKE & ERICKSON, 102 E. Baldwin Ave., Spokane, WA 99207

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Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Knight's Neighborhood:
(Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm

Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder

Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday Evening Worship 6pm
Wed. Bible Study 7pm

Assembly of God Church Homedale

15 West Montana, 337-4458
Pastor George Greenwood
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am
Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm

Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale

17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell
459-3653
Mass:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am
Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm
Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248

Sunday Services 10am
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Bishop Ronald Spencer
Sunday 1st Ward 9am
Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm

Homedale Baptist Church Homedale

212 S. 1st W.
Sunday School 10am & 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Wednesday Evening 7pm
Pastor James Huls

Wilder Church of God Wilder

205 A St. E. 482-7839
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Sunday Service 11am
Sunday Eve. 6:00pm
Wed. Eve. 7:00pm

Mountain View Church of the Nazarene

26515 Ustick Road, Wilder
337-3151
Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
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MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing

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11 am Service
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Marsing Church of Christ Marsing

932 Franklin, Marsing
Minister Gib Nelson
Sunday Bible Study 10am
Sunday Worship 11am

Christian Church Homedale

110 W. Montana, 337-3626
Pastor Maurice Jones
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Church school 9:45

Bible Missionary Church Homedale

West Idaho, 337-3425
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Sunday School 10am
Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Wednesday Evening 7:30

Assembly of God Church Marsing

139 Kerry, 965-1650
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Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm

Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing

Pastor David London
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Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm

Nazarene Church Marsing

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Sunday School - 9:45am
Mid Week TLC Groups

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337-5021
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Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Thursday Evening 7:30pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing

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Bishop Lakey
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Bishop Payne

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221 West Main Marsing, Idaho
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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
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United Methodist Church Wilder

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880-8751
Pastor June Fothergill
Sunday Services 9:30am

First Presbyterian Church Homedale

320 N. 6th W., 337-3060
Pastor Marianne Paul
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday School 11am

Calvary Holiness Church Wilder

Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
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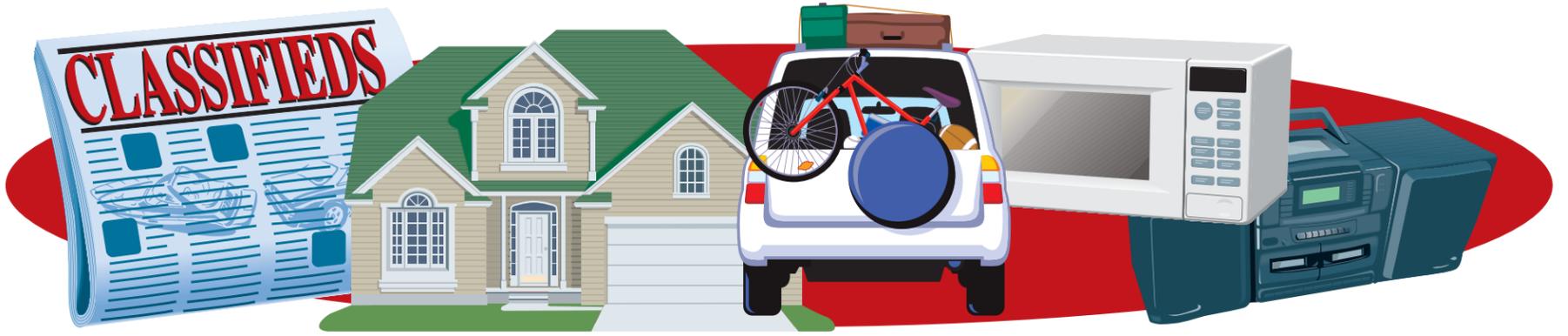
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