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SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

Youth injured in Christmas Eve stabbing

by Cheryl Peterson

Homedale youth spent his Christmas Eve in a hospital in Nampa after being stabbed in the chest, but investigators are no closer to solving how the incident happened then they were when they received the call.

Jeremy Perkins, 17, of Homedale, was transported to Mercy Medical Center in Nampa after officers received a phone call that the youth had been involved in a fight on Jump Creek road. Officers found Perkins with two slice cuts to his chest, but the youth would not tell officials what happened.

"Perkins was stabbed in a fight," Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said. "We don't know exactly where the fight happened, but it was about an hour prior to us being called. He did not want the sheriff's office to be involved. He had two cuts about nine inches long and about 12 inches long."

Officers said they believed the youth was under the influence of alcohol or drugs. "He had to be restrained to be transported," Aman said. "He will not cooperate or tell us who did it. There were two witnesses and they also will not give us any information. They are going out of their way not to cooperate with us."

Aman said the youths were found at the Ayala residence on Jump Creek Road. Hospital alcohol and drug test results have not been released.

Aman said anyone with information in the incident are asked to call the Sheriff's office at 495-1154.

Blaze destroys garage, threatens neighbor's home

by Cheryl Peterson



Blaze devastation...

Christian Castro of Homedale, watches his home burn in a fire that started in a garage last week. The blaze completely destroyed the garage in which several people had been staying and a vehicle parked in the entrance to the building.

Fire destroyed a garage and a vehicle on Owyhee Street in Homedale Friday as well as endangering a neighbor's home. Investigators said several people had been staying in the garage.

The blaze occurred at approximately 10 a.m. Friday morning and was the second time in less than a month the garage had ignited.

On December 8, as floats were lining the streets for the annual Christmas Parade, smoke began billowing out of the garage and fire crews responded. A back portion of the building was destroyed, but was later repaired.

Assistant Fire Chief Fred DeGeus said several makeshift beds had been in the building and the fire had ignited from a wood stove near the rear of the building.

"This fire is still under investigation so I am not sure if it was caused by the same thing or not," DeGeus said last week. "It looked like people were staying in there again, but I don't have a report of the damages yet."

Christian Castro, Augustina Castro and their grandmother were in the home when the fire began, but were uninjured.

Neighbor Ida Burt said the side of her garage was cinder block so she did not expect any damage to it, but a section of fence around her property would have to be replaced.

Christian Castro said Friday morning that he had called Idaho Power to report an electrical problem in the building approximately three days prior to the fire, but no one had responded.

Parents and teachers call for certified music teacher

By Melanie Hoyt

With the Homedale school board trustees looking at the impact of budgetary holdbacks, a group came to the board with hopes of making the elementary music program a priority.

A non-certificated employee currently teaches students at Homedale Elementary School. A group of parents and teachers came before the board at their last regular meeting and asked when that employee does not return next fall that a certified teacher fill her position. Such a move would require a larger salary to be funded by the district, which is a troublesome issue due to budgetary constraints from the governor's holdback.

"Our purpose is not to complain or hurt our district in anyway. Actually we'd like to make it a better district," Robyn Tolmie said told the board.

She said that certified teachers have more methods at their disposal to teach students and manage classrooms. Tolmie also cited the recently ap-

proved standards developed at the state level, which call for high expectations of students in the areas of humanities, including music, as another reason a certified teacher was necessary.

Having a powerful music program at the elementary level would lay the groundwork for other benefits as well, members of the group told the school board as they referenced research for the board.

"Research consistently shows that music education helps develop the young brain," Kim Renecker, a teacher at Homedale Elementary School, said. She added the research indicates that there is a window of time which pathways in the brains of young children can be developed through a regular music program and there comes a time when it may be too late to develop such pathways.

The research also shows a correlation between math achievement and music. Students who have music education score higher in math than those who aren't involved. Information from the Profiles of SAT and

Achievement Test Takers from The College Board in 1998 indicates that students with coursework/experience in music performance scored 52 points higher on the verbal portion of the SAT and 36 points higher on the math portion than students with no coursework or experience in the arts.

"We think that our children deserve the very best elementary education they can have. One of the ways to do that is to have a good music education in our nation's schools," Tolmie said

Tolmie said that they had spoken with 17 school districts and only two districts, including Homedale, did not have a certified music teacher. She asked, as the board has to prioritize budgetary issues, that they consider funding a certified music teacher at the elementary school a priority.

The board said they would definitely review the wealth of written information the group had presented them with and consider the issue in the future.

Winter's here!



Top left

Let it snow...

The snow doesn't seem to bother a cow that feeds from a trough during a snowstorm that passed through Owyhee County last week. Nearly four inches of snow accumulated during two separate storms last week. Warmer temperatures are expected this week.

Top right

Winter wonderland...

Snow blankets Jump Creek canyon last week after a snowstorm dumped nearly four inches in Owyhee County.

Left

Chipmonk ...

About two feet of snow blanketed the Chipmonk area, south of Marsing last Saturday, and snow continued to fall Monday.



Council establishes fines for nuisance ordinance

Council approves new P&Z Administrator, Clerk resigns as Recreation and Sundance Park Director

by Cheryl Peterson

The Homedale City Council passed an amendment to its current nuisance ordinance during a regular council meeting Thursday night that will allow the city to charge a fine to residents who fail to comply with the city's current regulations.

Ordinance #336 was passed by unanimous decision and will subject violators to a misdemeanor charge and a \$100 fine if they fail to maintain their property among the guidelines set as a public nuisance.

The new ordinance states,

New members announced for Angus association

VY Angus Ranch of Marsing is a new member of the American Angus Association reports John Crouch, interim vice president of the national organization.

Tyson Nielson of Marsing is a new junior member of the American Angus Association as well. Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association and take part in Association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association has more than 35,000 active members and its computerized records include detailed information on over 13 million registered Angus.

"any person owning, in charge of, or occupying any lots, lands or premises within the Homedale City limits who shall after notice, as provided for herein, fail or refuse to continuously keep the property they own, are in charge of, or occupy free from constituting a public nuisance."

People charged in the ordinance will be charged with a misdemeanor and "shall be subjected to penalties of a minimum fine in the amount of \$100 and any other penalties set forth."

On Dec. 12, the council passed ordinance #335, which defined a public nuisance concerning unregistered and abandoned vehicles. "Inoperative, unauthorized and unregistered vehicles, authorizing civil or criminal proceedings, defining violations and establishing penalties for violations."

The city has been citing violators of the ordinance, but council members and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said there were no ramifications for people who violated the ordinance.

Eidemiller told the council he has had people asking him when he would be out to pick up unwanted vehicles. "They don't have to pay that much to have them removed," Eidemiller continued. "When they get to court they are given more time to get it done."

The term nuisance is defined in Ordinance #329 as a condition or use of property,

which is harmful or injurious to, or creates a danger or harm or injury.

Violators are given a written notice by certified mail describing the nuisance and action must be taken within 10 calendar days.

The police department issues a uniform citation with criminal enforcement proceedings following another 10-day period.

In other council business, Silvia Bahem was hired as the new Planning and Zoning Administrator and City Clerk Pam Dugger resigned as the Recreation and Sundance Park Director. Homedale Mayor Harold Puri refused to release information concerning Bahem's qualifications and Dugger's resignation stating they are personnel issues and he was unsure if the documents were public information.

In a copy of the resignation acquired by the Owyhee Avalanche, Dugger states her resignation is based on "statements made to the press by Councilman Barlow and to the public in general by Larry Bauer," Public Works Director.

"It would perhaps be important to get their views on how best to serve the City's needs in the directing of recreation programs and the handling of Sundance Park," Dugger continued in her letter. "I want to thank you for your support over the years and particularly for your support at Sundance Park."

Open house to honor Beverly Healy

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing will host an open house to honor Beverly Healy who will be transferring to the Ada County Extension office later this month.

The open house will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on January 4, at the Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W. in Marsing.

Healy has worked as the family and consumer science extension educator for the past 32 years in Marsing and will leave the position on Jan. 7.

Healy has worked on increasing the 4-H outreach program through several grants. During her time, the extension office partnered with the Marsing Resource Center for a PowerUp grant that will bring 10 new state of the art computers to the resource center. She worked to bring the New Communities program to the area, which educates children about technology.

For questions and further information contact the office at 896-4104.



Parma farmer wins \$125,000 on ‘Millionaire’

By Melanie Hoyt

A dare from her mom helped a Parma farmer win big on ABC’s game show “Who wants to be a Millionaire.”

Anamaria Zavala, a 31 year-old farmer from Parma, tried out for the show at the Boise airport last spring after her mother dared her to. She had to answer 50 questions in 12 minutes, then went on to a taped interview. She was pleased when she received a postcard that said she’d made the pool of potential contestants, but she still wondered if she’d be on the show due to the limited number of contestants selected.

“I was really surprised because it gets narrowed down so much,” Zavala said. “So many people don’t get to go.”

After months of waiting she received a call on Oct. 22, 2001 that she’d been chosen to sit in the hotseat opposite Regis Philbin. She flew out on October 28, taped the episode on Oct. 29 and flew home on Oct. 30.

Zavala went to the taping with her sister. They did get to enjoy some of the flair of New York City, especially the cuisine. Zavala, who had visited New York previously, said she was struck by the different tone in the city since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

The long day of taping included legal briefings, practice sitting in the tall contestant seat, and watching the taping of another show.

Zavala, who holds a degree in genetic immunology from Johns Hopkins, played well, banking \$125,000. She was halted by the question “What is the element in the Hope Diamond that makes it appear blue?”

She’d unfortunately used all of her lifelines and said that she didn’t want to risk gambling on the answer. She said that her mother, who was on her list of five people she could call, knew the answer but she’d already phoned a relative to get help on a previous question.

After a long wait, the episode of Millionaire aired on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Apple growers offered free workshop

Apple growers can learn new survival skills at a free workshop on Jan. 25 and Jan. 26 at the University of Idaho’s Parma Research and Extension office.

The workshop is sponsored by the USDA Risk Management Agency, the USDA Farm Service, WSU Cooperative Extension and University of Idaho.

According to Michael Colt, UI Extension horticulture specialist at Parma, Idaho’s orchard families are undergoing severe stresses as they cope with massive Chinese competition for their Pacific Rim apple markets and their domestic apple-concentrate markets.

Topics will include creating a vision for the future of your family and orchard, learning how to use financial tools to make good business decisions, assessing an orchard’s future profit potential and others.

The free workshop will begin at 8 a.m. both days and will go until 4:30 on Friday, Jan. 25, with a complementary lunch. The workshop ends at noon on Saturday, Jan. 26.

For more information, call Maurine Baucom at 722-6701, Ext. 228 by Thursday, January 10.

Illness doesn’t stop Marsing Mayor Haken

Haken fights life-threatening cancer, but continues to operate city business as usual

by Cheryl Peterson

Marsing Mayor Jenny Haken said she may not be able to completely control a life threatening cancer which has left her home bound, but she said the job of operating the City of Marsing is business as usual.

After hearing rumors that she had resigned, Haken requested an opportunity to speak out to the community concerning her recent battle with cancer.

“I realize people are used to seeing me out in the public and right now I am not able to do that,” Haken said from her home in Marsing last week. “I found out recently that I have cancer in my spine. Because of the treatments I am not able to walk a great deal, but I am still perfectly capable to operate this city.

“I have a fantastic City Clerk, Janice Bicandi. We talk to each other every day. She brings me the city mail and papers that have to be signed. I have a radio here to keep in touch with the city crews and they contact me. It is business as usual, I just can’t get around well enough yet to attend all the functions the city holds.”

Haken’s concerns arose after a recent City Council meeting in which a council member suggested that Haken should resign.

Haken had a mastectomy last year to remove one of her breasts to cancer. She said that a few months ago she was diagnosed with cancer in her spine.

Haken has missed two regular meetings and was able to attend the last meeting in December. She said she would be at the meeting in

January to swear in two new council members.

“I was sick and I could not be at those two meetings,” Haken continued. “Something was said how I was feeling and I said I was feeling good. One council member said what about running the city? I said I think I have been doing that. Then Jim Thomas said ‘well maybe you just need to resign.’”



Two issues of concern to Haken arose at the two meetings she was unable to attend. The council voted to give money to Marvin Wallin for a well and money was given to the Marsing Fire Department. Haken said it would not have mattered if she had attended the meetings or not the council would have given the money anyway.

“It would not have made a difference,” Haken explained. “A mayor does not vote. I could not have stopped them. The mayor never votes unless there is a tie and

there was not a tie. The council did what they wanted to do with this money weather I was there or not. It does not matter weather I agree or not it was a council decision.”


Haken said her door is always open to the public and her phone is always open to public comments.

“People want to see me out and about. Right now I am on a walker and a cane and eventually I hope to be out and about. I am here for the public if they want to call or stop by I am here for them.”

Even though term limits may force Haken to run as a write in vote for mayor in the next election, she said she plans to run for the office again.

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Most county officials to lose jobs

Term limits ruling disappoints county officeholders

by Cheryl Peterson

The Idaho Supreme Court upheld the term limits law approved by Idaho voters in 1994, causing the majority of Owyhee County officials to voice concerns over what could happen if the legislature doesn't amend or change the law for less populated counties.

Legislators, both Democrats and Republicans, agreed that term limits could hurt the state's political system, and they could work together next year to change or amend the law.

County officials in less populated counties are concerned the law will impact their areas and could cause unnecessary expense to keep officials in office.

The unanimous ruling from the state Supreme Court means major changes for politics in Idaho. In a hearing last month some justices appeared skeptical of arguments against the term limits law. In its ruling the court said limiting politicians' terms does not prevent voters from supporting them as write-in candidates. Therefore, the court says term limits is not a bar to holding office. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and Senate President pro-tem Bob Geddes were the two state lawmakers who took the term limits law to court.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said he was very disappointed that the law passed. "I think all the counties and cities this is going to effect are going to be putting a lot of pressure on the governor and legislature to put this back on the ballot or overturn it."

Aman has served two terms and the limit will keep him

Irrigation districts to hold meeting

The Ridgeview Irrigation District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, at its office, 118 S. 1st Street, Homedale. The Gem Irrigation District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, at the same location. The South Board of Control will hold its regular monthly meeting at the above location at 2 p.m. on that date.

from running again in 2003. "Nothing may get done until that election comes up, but I think every elected official in the state who is affected will want to see something done," Aman continued.

Aman said he could not imagine how the county will be able to get good, trained, experienced people in these offices if they know they can only serve two terms. "As a young officer coming up, I would never run for sheriff knowing I could only serve two terms. They would be crazy to. They would be cutting their own throat. There will be a lot of offices that will not be run for."

As prosecuting attorney, Ed Yarbrough did not have an opponent for his last term. With the term limits in place, Yarbrough could run as a write-in candidate, and if no one ran against him, he could vote for himself and be awarded the position.

If no one at all were to run for the position, the county would have to go outside of the county and contract the position, which would lead to extensive costs to the county for the contract.

"You will probably get a very young attorney, just out of law school who sees this contract out there and jumps on it," Aman said. "I don't see a pro to term limits anywhere."

County Clerk Cindy Eaton would be able to run for another term this spring, but would not be allowed to run again.

"That was a decision of the voters, but I am not sure the voters understood what they were voting for," Eaton said. "They were collecting the signatures at the time I was running originally, so I kind of anticipated it. I didn't realize they would really pass it, but I knew it was a possibility. I think a write-in vote would be much more difficult. People like to see a name in front of them."

The law will have no effect on the city councils of Homedale, Marsing and Grand View. A provision in the law exempts from term limits city councils elected at large rather than in zones. Homedale Mayor Harold Puri could run for another term since he was appointed before the last elec-

tion. Grand View Mayor Allen Long can run for one more term, but Marsing Mayor Jenny Haken could run again only as a write-in candidate.

Haken will come up for election again in 2003 and is serving her second term. She said the term limits would hurt small communities, like Marsing.

"I think for the smaller towns it is not right," Haken said last week. "It is hard enough to find the people to run, let alone finding someone who will be there for a while. In the bigger towns it is fine, more people run for it."

In Haken's first term she ran against two other opponents, and against Gene Showalter in her second term.

Haken said the only thing people can do is write letters and hopefully the legislature will read them.

Homedale residents graduate from BSU

Boise State University awarded degrees to nearly 1,000 students at its 68th Commencement ceremony Friday, Dec. 21, at the Boise State Pavilion.

Ignacio Mireles graduated in the colleges of Applied Technology, Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences and Social Sciences and Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

Bachelor of Arts, Spanish, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Administration, and Law Enforcement Emphasis: Ignacio Mireles.

Bachelor of Business Administration, Accountancy: Don Wade Williams.

Obituaries

Coming events

Lucille Dent

Marjorie Lucille Dent died peacefully in her sleep December 29, 2001 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law. She was born on May 18, 1912 in High Point, Iowa to James R. and Verda (Lane) Skinner, attended school in Cambria, Iowa and Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. Upon certification, she taught school before marrying Emmett Dent on November 27, 1936.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother J. R. Skinner and her husband, Emmett. She is survived by her two daughters, Patricia Strobel and Pamela Beitia and her 3 grandchildren, and will be greatly missed.

She touched the lives of many during her career as a teacher in both the Caldwell and Marsing school districts. She loved the color blue, cooking for her family, her garden and growing flowers.

A memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 4, 2002 at Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. A dinner will be served by the Friendly Neighbors at the C. V. Peckham Community Center after the service.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to the Friends of Four Rivers Hospice.

Ray Pershall

During this holy season the Lord called up one of his beloved son’s. Ray Pershall was taken at 10:05 a.m. the 27th of December at the age of 102. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2002 at Caldwell United Methodist Church with Rev. John Mars officiating. Burial will follow at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell. Services are under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Ray was born October 18, 1899 in Blackfoot, Idaho to Elmer and Anna Hohn Pershall. In his younger years, he and his family had lived briefly in Washington, Oregon and Arco, Idaho, finally settling in Marsing, Idaho in the spring of 1913. Ray attended Marsing Grade School, Marsing High School, Links Business College and Adcox Mechanical School. After the death of his wife, Elma Gowery in 1974, he married Lola Lee Gardner in July of 1976.

He was a rancher and a farmer, yet still managed over the years to serve as Owyhee Cattlemen’s Director, Director of the Idaho Cattle Feeders Association, Owyhee County Commissioner at Silver City, Grassman of the Year in 1965, Idaho State Rancher of the Year in 1979 and Idaho Concrete Director for 50 years. He also served as a member of the Gem County Irrigation Board, Idaho State Reclamation Board, Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Caldwell Elks Lodge and Financial Board of the Caldwell United Methodist Church. When he retired at the age of 92, he and Lola traveled around the world and the United States with groups from the Cattleman’s Association.

Ray was a man from the “old school”. He believed that a man was as good as his word and that a handshake was all that was needed. He loved to help anyone in need or deserving of a hand. Ray also believed in the Lord and hard work as the best way to live. He was greatly admired, respected and very much loved by those who truly knew him. Ray was often asked his opinion, inspiring us with his wisdom. His life was full.

Ray is survived by his wife, Lola Agnes Pershall; his sister, Mildred Schmidt; his step-children, Reggie Gardner, Yvonne Brennan and Rochelle Goodwin; 7 step-grandchildren; 4 step-great-grandchildren; his nephews, Roger Howard, Don Howard, Ron Schmidt, David Schmidt and Richard Wymer; his cousin, Leland Pershall; and many grand nieces and nephews along with many others close to his heart. He was preceded in death by his first wife; his parents; and his sister, Maude Morrison.

There are not enough words to say that do real justice to Ray Pershall. He was a quiet giant. Small in frame by big in life. The angels will be proud when he walks among them.

Memorials may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 4355 W. Emerald, Boise ID 83706; or Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, Fairfax Ave. & Virginia St., Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

- 10:00 a.m. Women’s bible study at Homedale Friends Church
- 1:00 p.m. Pinochle at Homedale Senior Center
- 1:00 p.m. Sage Hens meet at old school in Wilson
- 7:00 p.m. Homedale Presbyterian church choir practice
- 7:30 p.m. Sr. High Bible study at Homedale Friends Church

Thursday, Jan. 3

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. foot, blood pressure clinic at Homedale Senior Center
- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hearing aid clinic at Homedale Senior Center
- 12:00 p.m. Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting at Owyhee Lanes
- 12:00 p.m. Ministerial Association meets at the Assembly of God Church in Homedale
- 2:00 p.m. Shopping Bus at Homedale Senior Center
- 3:00 p.m. Elks Hoop Shoot for 8 and 9 year olds at Homedale Elementary School
- 3:30 p.m. Elks Hoop Shoot for 10 and 11 year olds at Homedale Elementary School
- 6:30 p.m. Homedale High School wrestling at Middleton

Friday, Jan. 4

- 10:00 a.m. Shopping bus to Ontario at Homedale Senior Center
- 1:00 p.m. Hoop Shoot at Grand View Elementary
- 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Jordan Valley High School basketball at Cove
- 4:45 p.m. Homedale High School girls

basketball v. Parma

Saturday, Jan. 5

- 2:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Powder Valley at Jordan Valley
- 4:45 p.m. Homedale High School boys basketball at McCall
- 7:00 p.m. Lion’s Bingo at the school

Monday, Jan. 7

- 9:00 a.m. Owyhee County Board of Commissioners meeting at annex in Murphy
- 5:00 p.m. Marsing Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Aid Meeting at Homedale High School library
- 6:30 p.m. Homedale High school wrestling v. McCall

Tuesday, Jan. 8

- 4:45 p.m. Homedale

- High School girls basketball versus NPHS
- 5:00 p.m. Freshman Homedale High School boys basketball at Nyssa
- 5:00 p.m. Owyhee County Probation Office GED class from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. 4-H Teen Council at University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Office in Marsing.
- 7:00 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints 2nd Ward Relief Society meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Marsing School Board meeting

To have your event included in the Coming Events Calendar, call Melanie at 337-4681.

Senior news

Homedale Senior Citizen’s Center

Pinochle will be held Wednesday, January 2, at 1:00 p.m.

Ham and black-eyed peas, rice veggies, corn bread, and peach crisp will be served for dinner on Thursday, January 3. The shopping bus will be in Homedale at 2:00 p.m. A foot and blood pressure clinic will be held that day from 9:00 a.m. till noon, and hearing aid clinic from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

Sausage, eggs, hashbrowns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, toast and juice will be served for breakfast from 7-10 a.m. on Friday, January 4. A shopping buss to Ontario will be at the center at 10:00 a.m.

Sweet and sour chicken, rice pilaf, sami sald, roll fruit will be offered for dinner on Tuesday, January 8. There will also be music, bingo and bridge offered for entertainment. A board meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m.

Marsing Senior Citizen’s Center

Barbecued ribs, oven-roasted potatoes, green beans, jello, cake and ice cream and music will be offered on Thursday, January 3.

Macaroni and chees with ham, peas and carrot, jello, vegetable salad, rolls and cherry cheese cake will be served for dinner on Monday, January 7.

Bacon or sausage, eggs, hot cakes, juice and coffee will be served for breakfast on Wednesday, January 9.

Of winters past ...



Snow in front of the court house at Silver City, 1916.



Avalanche at the Blaine Mill, Long Gulch, Silver City.



Snow tunnel into court house, Silver City, 1916.

*Photos from
the
Mildretta
Adams
collection.*



Trouble on the road from Dewey to Reynolds Creek.



Foods From Seasonal Songs and Carols

Dear Betty,

The kids and I were listening to carols and one was about wassail and wassailing. What’s wassail? I’m guessing it’s something to drink.

Keokuk, Iowa

That was a good guess-and a correct one-considering that wassail isn’t on many holiday party menus these days! You must have been listening to “Here We Come A-Wassailing,” which tells about the Christmas tradition of singing carols from door-to-door or “wassailing.” As a thank you, the carolers were served a piping hot cup of wassail, a punch of ale or wine sweetened with sugar and seasoned with cloves, cinnamon and cardamom. By the way, “wassail” also is an old Norwegian toast that means “be in good health.”

Your question got me thinking about other foods that we sing about in songs and carols during the holidays. Here are just a few that came to mind:

Pudding. This isn’t the creamy smooth chocolate dessert most of us think of when we hear “pudding.” It’s a traditional Christmas dessert made from currants, raisins, almonds, spices, flour, sugar and suet. Usually the batter is spooned into a pudding mold, then steamed or baked. When it’s done, it’s turned out of the mold, drizzled with brandy and set alight for a dramatic presentation. We sing about pudding in “Over the River and Through the Woods” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

Schnitzel with noodles. I can just picture Julie Andrews singing about her “Favorite Things.” Schnitzel is a cutlet of veal or pork dipped in egg, breaded and fried nice and crisp. Serve schnitzel with buttered egg noodles and tangy red cabbage.

Sugarplums. Visions of sugarplums must have danced through Tchaikovsky’s head when he wrote the “Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy” as part of his ballet “The Nutcracker.” So what’s a sugarplum? Picture a bit of fruit such as a candied cherry or dried apricot surrounded by fondant (that’s the yummy filling in most chocolates) and rolled in fine sugar.

Chestnuts. In “The Christmas Song,” Nat King Cole sings about the wintry delight of roasting chestnuts on an open fire. Try roasting these sweet, buttery nuts in the shell using a fire-place-style popcorn popper. When they’re hot and slightly darkened but not burned, crack the shell and eat the warm, toasted nut. They make a great accompaniment to wassail!

Betty Crocker

What a Great Idea: While wrapping packages, decorating the tree or baking with your children or grandchildren, have them list their favorite things. Be sure to share yours too!

Next week: Holiday Baking Odds & Ends

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Focus on the Family

Dr. James C. Dobson

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Older sibling of new baby needs attention, too

QUESTION: Before our baby was born last month, our 3-year-old daughter, April, was thrilled about having a new brother or sister. Now, however, she shows signs of jealousy, sucking her thumb sullenly when I nurse the baby and getting very loud and silly when friends drop by. Please suggest some ways I can ease her through this period of adjustment.

DR. DOBSON: Your daughter is revealing a “textbook” reaction to the invasion that has occurred in her private kingdom. It is typical for such a preschooler to throw temper tantrums, wet the bed, suck her thumb, mess her pants, hold tightly to Mama, talk “baby talk,” etc. Since the baby gets all the attention by being helpless, the older child will often try to “out-baby the baby,” behaving in immature ways from an earlier stage of development. That pattern seems to be occurring with your little girl. Here’s what I would suggest:

1. Bring her feelings out in the open and help her verbalize them. When she is acting silly in front of adults, take her in your arms and say, “What’s the matter, April? Do you need some attention today?” Gradually, a child can be taught to use similar words when she feels excluded or rejected. “I need some attention, Dad. Will you play with me?” By verbalizing her feelings, you also help her understand herself better.
2. Don’t let infantile behavior succeed. If she cries when the baby sitter arrives, leave her anyway. A temper tantrum can be greeted by firmness. However, reveal little anger and displeasure, remembering that the entire episode is motivated by a threat to your love.
3. Meet her needs in ways that grant status to her for being older. Take her to the park, making it clear that the baby is too little to go; talk “up” to her about the things she can do that the baby can’t — she can use the bathroom instead of her pants, for example. Let her help take care of the baby so she will feel she is part of the family process.

Beyond these corrective steps, give your daughter some time to adjust to her new situation. Even though it stresses her today, she should profit from the realization that she does not sit at the center of the universe.

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QUESTION: In recent months, there have been two occasions where a woman at work has made a pass at me. I love my wife deeply, have no interest in this lady, and have communicated this to her in no uncertain terms. Do you think I should share these incidents with my wife?

DR. DOBSON: Yes, I do. First, because I believe the healthiest marriages are those that are open and honest on such matters. Second, because sharing important information is a step toward accountability in a situation that could prove dangerous. And third, because your wife should be your best friend with whom you discuss troubling circumstances and how they will be handled.

My only caution is that you be careful not to reveal these incidents in order to make your wife jealous or to use them to manipulate her. Some spouses seize an opportunity like this to play power games with a mate. Check out your motives

carefully before you talk to your wife and share the experience as objectively as possible. She will appreciate you for it.

Finally, I urge you to continue to reject the advances of the lady in your office, regardless of how attractive she is or how flattering her interest in you may be. To pursue her may give your ego a ride now, but only pain and sorrow lie down that road — for her and for you.

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School lunch menu

January 7 – January 11, 2001

Homedale Elementary

Monday: Sloppy Jo or mini corn dog, fries, fruit cocktail, cookie and choice of milk.
Tuesday: Chicken fillet or country fried beef steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot roll/jelly, peaches and choice of milk.
Wednesday: French bread pizza or beef nuggets, corn, pineapple, chocolate pudding and choice of milk.
Thursday: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, applesauce, animal cookies and choice of milk.
Friday: Spaghetti or hot pocket, French Bread, broccoli, pears and choice of milk.

Homedale Middle

Monday: Nachos and cheese, tossed salad, and fruit or salad bar and choice of milk.
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, beef nuggets, or chef salad, vegetable, fruit, cinnamon roll and choice of milk.
Wednesday: Pizza or deli sandwich, tossed salad, fruit, cookie and choice of milk.
Thursday: Burrito, corn, fruit, and dessert or salad bar and choice of milk.
Friday: Chicken patty or rib-b-que tots, and fruit or salad bar and choice of milk.

Homedale High

Monday: Pizza, nachos and cheese or Rib-B-Que, salad, fruit, dessert and choice of milk.
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets or weiner wraps, roll, scalloped potatoes, fruit and choice of milk.
Wednesday: Idaho Haystack, hot pocket or burrito, salad, fruit, cinnamon roll and choice of milk.
Thursday: Chicken patty, hamburger or fish patty, fries, fruit and choice of milk.
Friday: Taco or pizza, corn, fruit and choice of milk.

Marsing School District

Monday: Burritos with choice of fixings, fruit variety, buttered rice, carrot sticks, variety milk soup and sandwiches, fresh salad bar 4/12 and fresh baked roll.
Tuesday: Red Baron pizza, fruit variety, garden salad with dressing, rice krispy treats, variety milk, baked potato with or without chili, fresh salad bar 4/12 and fresh baked roll.
Wednesday: Homestyle turkey noodles, cheese yum yum, fruit variety, garden vegetables, variety milk, or 4/12 Asian nugget, fresh salad bar 4/12 and fresh baked roll 4/12.
Thursday: Chicken nuggets and sauce, fruit variety, fresh vegetable sticks, maple bar, variety milk, French dip sandwich, fresh salad bar 4/12 and fresh baked roll.
Friday: Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Fruited jello, fresh vegetable sticks, variety milk, burrito with choice of fixings, fresh salad bar 4/12 and fresh baked roll.

Head Start students surprised by gifts

Santa dropped in a little early on the students at the WICAP Head Start Center in Wilder.

The visit by the man in red and the presents he doled out to the kids were courtesy of the third annual fundraising contest held at Wilder High School. The school puts freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in competition to see what grade level can earn the most money for the girls and boys at the Head Start Center. This year the seniors were victorious and the fundraiser earned \$2,234.51 in total.

Students went door to door, visited local businesses, held a bake sale, a dance and offered pictures with Santa to raise the funds. After the fundraising they purchase gifts for the students to give them before a Christmas lunch at the center. The seniors, along with Santa, visited the Head Start Center last Thursday and handed out the presents.

“People are really generous,” Head Start Family Advocate Jennie Oliveira said. “It’s really nice that they did this for us.”

Southwest District Health offers screenings

Southwest District Health is offering a cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure screening Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Caldwell office, 920 Main Street. The screening requires a 12-hour fast. Test results will show total cholesterol, HDL (good cholesterol), LDL (bad cholesterol), triglycerides and glucose. The cost of the testing is \$25 and includes nutrition education by a registered/licensed dietitian. To schedule an appointment call 455-5343 or 455-5332.

Lapwai defeats Huskies in overtime thriller

Host Marsing Huskies fell to the Lapwai Wildcats 67-60 in an overtime thriller for a first place title at the Husky Classic girls basketball game held last week.

The Huskies were up against the Wildcats who reached the state semifinals last season and defeated the Homedale Trojans in the opening round.

Lapwai shot to a 15-0 lead in the beginning minutes of the game Saturday before the Huskies pulled together a rally effort and closed the gap. Lapwai finished the first quarter with a 21-10 lead but tied the Huskies in the second quarter with 14 points each.

The Huskies took control of the final half gaining on the Wildcats with a 17-15 third quarter and tied the score at 58 points with a 17-8 point fourth quarter.

Amie Vanek finished the night with 12 points and began the third quarter surge by converting a three-point play. Amanda Stewart, who led all scorers with 33 points on the night, and Tara Leslie slammed back to back buckets with Stewart hitting two in a row, and Leslie sinking the third.

With a little over two minutes left in the game, Stewart made two free throws to get the Huskies to within one point. Stewart caught a pass from Vanek and took the Huskies to a 56-55 lead.

Marsing will host McCall-Donnelly on Jan. 4.

Homedale placed fourth in the tournament after taking a one-point loss from Glenns Ferry, 40-39. Homedale continues to be short four players to injuries, but battled in the second half to gain within reach of the Pilots.

Glenns Ferry led the Trojans 25-14 at the half and Homedale held the Pilots to only 15 points in the second half.

Michelle Gibbens led the Trojans with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Tristan Uria sunk 12 points and Tana Krall added five points and 13 rebounds.

Homedale will host Parma on January 4.



Shoot...

Tana Krall shoots for two points against the Glenns Ferry Wildcats during last week's Marsing Husky Classic. Homedale finished in fourth place and Marsing took second.

Trojan's lose to Middleton, defeat Wilder

The Homedale Trojan's split nonconference games last week with a 52-44 loss to the Middleton Vikings and a 53-32 win over the Wilder Wildcats.

The Middleton Vikings pulled out a tight nonconference game against 2A Homedale, to remain undefeated on the year.

Cody Hayes had 17 points for the Vikings, including a three-pointer with the game tied 44-44. With only a minute and a half left to go, Homedale had tied the score, but Hays' three and Germane Neuman's four free throws helped seal the win for the Vikings (10-0).

Homedale's Spencer Batt led the team with 12 points, the only Trojan to score in double figures. Cole Cooper added 9 points and 11 rebounds.

The Trojans (4-4) connected on six three-point goals in the victory against the Wildcats and were led by three from Kevin Overton as part of his 15 points. Spencer Batt led the Trojan's with a game high of 18 points.

Wilder (2-5) lost a pair of tough conference games earlier in the week against Gem State Academy and Cole Valley Christian and the fatigue showed as it could not rally from a 25-18 halftime deficit.

Ricky Arredondo led Wilder with 16 points, but he was the only player in double figures for his team.

Commentary

Front sight

Robert Boatman

RumPelstiltZkin

If Rumpelstiltzkin’s name had been Dick, would the world be any different? Perhaps.

For instance, if Planning & Zoning were known not by these high-sounding euphemisms but by words like Hallucinating & Outlawing, the world would surely be a lot different. If we eschewed trendy definitions of words and chose more candid and true ones, such as defining Planning as a temporary disengagement from reality and Zoning as a recreational exercise in utter silliness, then maybe we wouldn’t be so anxious to rush out and Plan & Zone everything in sight.

Owyhee County has trifled with the idea of Planning & Zoning going on for over a half century and has so far resisted the temptation to actually do it. But now that Boise inmates are tunneling out and escaping into the countryside things are heating up. If we persist in maintaining a practical lifestyle that has worked well for a few thousand years – merchants living above their stores, chickens ranging free and convenient in the front yard, Herefords and Holsteins alike grazing on the hillsides, dilapidated old barns providing shelter for owls and bats and pigeons and raccoons and even a snake or two – we risk offending the citified sensibilities of this dainty new crowd.

Not long ago, a preschool in west Boise was attacked by its residential neighbors because it kept a calf on the grounds to further the children’s education in the nature of nature. The neighbors apparently felt that the calf attracted calf-eating flies, which attracted fly-eating lizards, which attracted lizard-eating goats, which attracted goat-eating trolls and so on in the manner of another nursery rhyme. The calf had to go. The kids could learn about nature the natural way by watching TV, a method generously permitted by

Planning & Zoning laws so long as the sound didn’t drift over into some other Zone that had its own set of restrictions.

One is tempted to believe that the eventual goal of all Planning & Zoning efforts is to turn all the raw countryside surrounding dreamy Californiaesque subdivisions and low-lying strip malls into that ultimate example of the Planners’ & Zoners’ art – the National Park. Ah, the unnaturally natural beauty of these sanitized monuments to the out-of-doors under Disney-tinted glass where the appreciation of untamed Earth is enhanced by a full set of instructions – Don’t Walk On The Grass, Don’t Climb The Trees, Don’t Eat The Berries, Don’t Drink The Water, Don’t Let Your Dog Out Of The Car To Harass The Wildlife, Don’t Change Your Baby’s Diaper In Sight Of The Statue Of Hillary Clinton, Don’t Feed The Animals, and by all means Don’t Shoot The Bears If They Happen To Be Munching On Your Children.

There are some of us who believe that P&Z, as Planning & Zoning is cleverly referred to by know-it-all politicians and other jargon-inclined smart-alecks, is on the same level as mandatory seatbelt and helmet laws, promulgated by close relatives of those wonderful people who brought us federal warning tags sewn onto our mattresses, helpful DON’T EAT THIS stickers superglued on various items ranging from pocket cameras to crescent wrenches, child-proof aspirin bottles,

infantile operating instructions carved into the steel barrels of Ruger firearms and, um, pantyhose.

As far as we’re concerned, P&Z might as well stand for paranoid & zany, though zany is not nearly a strong enough word to describe the lumpishness of individuals like Homedale Mayor Harold Puri who should be memorialized by the P&Zers in honor of his mind-boggling statement, “It is our job as a council to protect you from you.”

P&Z has given us such wonders of the world as South Central L.A., downtown Detroit, New York City and, of course, calf-less west Boise preschools. Just the sort of thing we’ve long needed in Owyhee County.

As the P&Zers make accelerating progress in their P’ing & Z’ing, one can only hope that they don’t get carried away. For their own good, of course. After all, it is our job as citizens to protect them from them.

When the queen saved the life of her first-born from Rumpelstiltzkin’s clever scheme by accurately nailing his true identity, the little con-man screamed, “‘Some demon has told you that!’, and in his rage drove his right foot so far into the ground that it sank in up to his waist; then in a passion he seized the left foot with both hands and tore himself in two.”

If the terminal self-mutilation of politicians and bureaucrats were restricted to places specifically Planned & Zoned for such activity we would see a lot less of it, and that would be a pity.



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On the edge of common sense

Baxter Black, DVM

Persistence

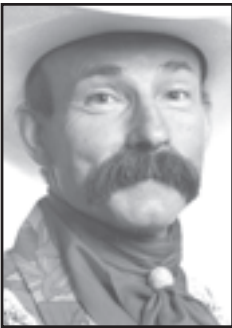
Persistence is a two-sided coin. Charlie asked in town if anyone was needing a cowhand. The horseshoer in the cafe directed him out to Don’s ranch. Charlie found Don down at the hay barn and introduced himself, “I hear you might be lookin’ for help.”

“By gosh, son, ya showed up right on time, my shoulder’s sore and givin’ me trouble. I could sure use help feedin’, calvin’ heifers and ridin’ the heavy bunch. You can ride Rancid, over there.”

Charlie looked at a deep bay gelding with a gray muzzle lolling in a nearby pen. There was something about him that made Charlie ask, “Does he buck?”

Don winced imperceptibly, “Oh, he’s got a playful streak. I broke him as a two-year-old. He was big then. Bucked me off more than once before I got him sold to a high school teacher in Rupert. He kept him for six days and then brought him back. Suggested I take him to the buckin’ horse sale in Miles City.

“I chuckled at that. I figgered if I stayed at it and worked him easy he’d quit that buckin’. He’s such a good horse to cover the country on. Big and stout and strong. He did try me, though. Rattled my teeth and



hung me over a rail fence like wet laundry. He unseated me six times that first week I got him back. Then threw me into a beaver dam.

“So I just gave him to an outfitter in Mackay. He kept him for five years. Rode him twice, I think. But he lost his business and since he never paid me, he brought him back. First day I took him on a long circle clear up there by that stand of quakies,” Don pointed to the foothills behind him, “He was a real gentleman. I relaxed thinkin’ maybe he’d mellowed.

Caught me off guard.

Pitched me into the fork of a tree.

“I took after him with a vengeance. I wore him out. He did pretty good after that but I had to watch him all the time. He’d still try and throw me off and sometimes he did but I figgered sooner or later he’d gentle down or give up.”

“How old is he?” asked Charlie.

Don kinda drew a little circle in the dirt with the toe of his boot and looked over at the horse who seemed to be enjoying the conversation.

“Sixteen,” he said.

There was a pregnant silence, then Charlie asked, “Your shoulder?”

“Yup,” nodded Don.

Charlie studied Don a minute. “Who named him Rancid?”

A pause.

“Everyone.”

Commentary

Reporter’s notebook

The adventures of Harry P. and the little black box

by Cheryl Peterson

During last week’s Homedale City Council meeting I began to question the age and maturity level of the officials we have elected to run our city. The major event of the council meeting consisted of the amazing discovery of a little black box.

It makes me wonder if the money we’re spending to pay these people might be better spent hiring a babysitter to watch over them and feed them cookies during city council meetings.

The meeting began with a discussion of the Duval property in Homedale. The property has been condemned by the city and after several attempts to force the owners to tear it down, the vacant home still stands. Homedale resident George Duval, who has a vested interest in the Duval property, spoke for his allotted three minutes.

During the time Duval was trying to speak, a little black box was passed back and forth from Councilman Davie to Mayor Harry P. and on to Councilman Kevin. Davie covered his face several times to conceal his giggles from the audience. Apparently the little black box was very funny.

After a short discussion with Mr. Duval, the gentleman left the meeting, and the council’s derisive laughter and vulgar comments about Mr. Duval began.

Little more business was conducted before Harry P. announced that the council would go into secret executive session, perhaps so they could continue their giggling and snorting in private. Everyone else filed out of the courtroom, with the last person out of the room subjected to the mysterious attack of the little black box.

As it turned out, the new toy, which so fascinated the mayor and city council, was a remote-control obscene noise box. Actually, the noises made by the box closely approximate the sounds of the working minds of our mayor and council as they make decisions effecting the city of Homedale.

The question naturally arises, did the city pay for the new toy, or was it among the whoopee cushions and fake vomit Harry or Davie or Kevin found in his stocking from Santa Claus Christmas morning?

It also makes you wonder if Homedale city finances are being spent in a similarly mature manner. After all, we purchased a large chunk of ground for two wells and ended up with a softball park. You have to wonder if the money that bought the little black box was originally intended for some more worthy cause.

Letters

Still not too late

Well the big day is past. I’m sure that we all gave the shopping malls and Wal-Mart a good Christmas not to mention all our loved ones. So what did you get Jesus for his birthday? I’ll bet you got him a nice nativity so you could explain the truth about Christmas to your children. Or maybe if you have lost your job like so many other Americans, you just gave him a few hours of your time in prayer with your family. Or you could have gone to Barnes and Noble and for about eight dollars got that little book called More than a Carpenter and gave it to your neighbor. I know that he would have loved that.

Please don’t tell me that you forgot whose birthday you were celebrating. Well it’s still not too late. We probably don’t celebrate on the right date anyway so, don’t be embarrassed just rush out and do it now. After all, whose birthday is it anyway?

Donald Hofstetter
Mountain Home

Pleasant surprise

What a pleasant surprise to open the front page of the December 19, 2001 issue of the Owyhee Avalanche to be greeted by the Christmas Story. Thank you for the wonderful reminder of the true meaning of the season we are celebrating. The message is very appropriate and endearing.

Thank you so very much.

Rick D. Keller
Executive Vice President, C.E.O.
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation

Accuracy in media

Reed Irvine

What are they hiding about flight 93?

Accuracy in Media recently submitted a request to the FBI for a transcript of the cockpit voice recorder (CVR) of United Flight 93, the hijacked Boeing 757 that crashed in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11. No information about what the two black boxes revealed has been made public, which is certainly not standard operating procedure. The FBI’s response to AIM’s FOIA request was that the transcript is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act because “it could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.” What enforcement proceedings?

The purpose of installing the CVR and the flight data recorder on aircraft is to provide information that may explain the cause of the crash. In the case of United Flight 93, there are three possible scenarios. The one favored by the government seems to be that several male passengers tried to overpower the hijackers and take control of the plane, but it crashed as they struggled in the cockpit. This is based on reports of what was said in cell-phone conversations, but those calls all stopped about eight minutes before the plane crashed. If the passengers succeeded in getting into the cockpit, there should be evidence of the struggle on the CVR. If that is what happened, why doesn’t the FBI release the transcript that would prove it?

FBI spokesman John Collingwood has explained their refusal to release the transcript to those who had relatives on the plane, saying, “While we empathize with the grieving families, we do not believe that the horror captured on the cockpit voice recording will console them in any way.” That decision was made after FBI Director Robert Mueller listened to the tape.

If the tape shows that the actions taken by some of the passengers caused the crash, that would at least give their families the satisfaction of knowing they behaved heroically, preventing the hijackers from killing anyone except those aboard. The FBI’s refusal to release even an edited transcript seems to be a repudiation of that scenario without explicitly saying so. Nevertheless, the FBI spokesman said that while the FBI would not accede to the families’ request for the tape, “we hope that they will take comfort in knowing that all of America embraces the passengers and flight crew of Flight 93 as heroes.” That’s what they want us to believe, and what we would like to believe, but they refuse to provide the proof.

A second scenario is also based on a cell phone conversation in which a passenger said that one of the hijackers claimed to have a bomb which he threatened to detonate. The recent bomb-in-the-sneakers incident gives this increased plausibility. It shows how easily a powerful explosive could be smuggled aboard a plane by a suicide bomber. It gets added credibility from a passenger’s 911 phone call reporting an explosion on the plane. That would explain why papers and other light material from the plane was scattered over several miles. A bomb would open a hole in the fuselage or blow out windows, creating havoc from the sudden decompression. It would probably kill some of the passengers and make it hard for the hijackers to fly the plane.

The third scenario is that the airliner was shot down by an F-16 fighter plane dispatched to intercept and shoot down the airliner, an action authorized by President Bush. Interesting material supporting this scenario can be found on www.flight93.com. An article from the Philadelphia Daily News of November 15, reports that a number of people near the area where the plane crashed believe that it was shot down. One of them, Laura Temyer, was surprised when she heard a plane because she understood that all flights had been grounded. She told the Daily News, “I heard like a boom and the engine sounded funny. I heard two more booms, and then I did not hear anything.”

The mayor of Shanksville, a village near the crash site, said that F-16 fighters were very, very close, and that two men he knew claimed they had heard a missile. The FBI acknowledges that a half-ton piece of one of the engines was found west of the crash site. It may have been hit by a heat-seeking missile from an F-16. This refutes the claim of eyewitnesses who say the plane was intact when it crashed, burrowing deeply into the soft soil of an abandoned strip mine.

When American Flight 587 crashed in New York shortly after takeoff, the government released detailed information from the CVR within 36 hours. What are they hiding about United Flight 93?

E-mails

A few days after George W. Bush’s inauguration, a man came up to the uniformed Marine on duty at the White House and said “I’d like to see President Clinton. The Marine politely answered “Sir, Mr. Clinton is no longer president”. The man said, “Oh, O.K.” and walked away.

The next day the Marine was again on duty and the same man approached and again asked to see President Clinton. The Marine again answered, “Sir, Mr. Clinton is no longer president.” Again the man answered, “Oh, O.K.” and walked away.

The next day the same man approached the same Marine and again asked to see President Clinton. The Marine, a little annoyed, said “Sir, I’ve told you, Mr. Clinton is no longer president. Don’t you understand that?”

“Yes, I do,” said the man, “But I just enjoy hearing it.”

The Marine smiled and said, “See you tomorrow.”

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 1, 1976

New city hall purchased in Marsing
MARSING – Members of the city council held a special meeting December 23, to vote on the purchasing of the A.S.C. building for the new Marsing City Hall. It was decided the city would purchase the building.

There has been much controversy on the subject of a new city hall. Mr. Rodney Hawes and several other city members have stated that they feel the residents of Marsing had a right to vote.

Wendy Coons, city clerk, stated, “The council held a budget hearing last March and announced at that time they would be building or buying a new city hall. But no one showed up at the meeting or raised any questions about it. It is also printed in the paper twice a year how the city plans to spend the money the government gives to the city, and has shown in the Federal Revenue Sharing Report that the money was set aside for a new city hall since 1972.

Mr. Jack Thompson donated the current city hall as a museum for the city and has let the city use it until they have a building of their own. The city will maintain the museum and hope to have someone to show it to anyone interested in touring the building in the future, Mrs. Coons stated.

The city council is scheduling a hearing for the water situation in Marsing, on January 12, at the multi-purpose room at the grade school. The water situation is another problem for the city that the council hopes they can render.

Jaycees keeping active
The Jaycees have been busy during the past week. Friday evening they sponsored a teen dance and Saturday they held their annual Christmas party at the Grange Hall. There to provide live music both evenings was the Gentle Ben Band.

The teen dance was called successful, clearing about \$50, to be used on community projects. Spokesman for the group, Rob Troxel, said the orange sale, held earlier this month, just about broke even.

The men are making plans for a family tubing party and Jaycee Week, the 3rd week in January.

Physician joins CHC
Dr. Allene Jackson, general practitioner, has recently joined the Community Health Clinics, Inc. staff. Dr. Jackson will be working in the Homedale Clinic three half-days a week. Her special interest is adult medicine.

Dr. Jackson received her medical degree from the University of Minnesota in 1973 and did a one-year rotating internship in Phoenix, Arizona.

Chapter holds Christmas party
HOMEDALE – Silver Star Chapter No. 83, OES, held a Christmas potluck dinner and gift exchange preceding their regular meeting last Tuesday evening.

Worthy Matron Norma Pegram welcomed 19 members and two guests, Mmes. Florence Long and Mae Clark of Merdian Chapter No. 66.

Tallies given in district elections
The results of the Gem Irrigation District election held Tuesday, December 14, 1976 for two directors, Edwin Stansell and Frank Tanikuni, are as follows:

North Homedale: Edwin Stansell, 18; Frank Tanikuni, 19; Julian Landa, 1; Gem Office: Edwin Stansell, 25; Frank Tanikuni, 24; Marsing: Edwin Stansell, 23; Frank Tanikuni, 22.

The terms are for three years beginning January 1, 1977.

50 years ago

January 3, 1951

South Board of Control to Take over Water Operation
A south board of control, Owyhee Irrigation project, was set up at an organization meeting Wednesday in the Gem Irrigation district office at Homedale, following announcement Saturday of the approval of a contract whereby the bureau of reclamation would turn over operation of the 100,000-acre Owyhee project to the water-users on January 1.

Named to the board were Ray Pershall, president, Frank Motzko, Frank Kushlan (members from Old Gem unit No. 1), Edd Parr, Edwin Stansell (members from Gem unit No. 1), and Claude Eachus (member of the Ridge View irrigation district). Mr. Pershall and Mr. Kushlan are also members of the overall board of control, which will act in an advisory capacity and will allocate water in the reservoir between the north and south districts.

W.H. Robinson, secretary-manager; Felisa Echevarria, treasurer, and Maurice Greene, Boise, attorney, were rehired for the Gem irrigation district. The regular Gem irrigation board will hold its identity for assessment purposes, Mr. Robinson said.

A meeting of the Ridge View irrigation district is being held tonight (Thursday). Members besides Mr. Eachus are E.E. Nelson and Mark Shenk. This board, also, will be retained for assessment purposes.

Appraising of equipment in the bureau of reclamation yard at Homedale is being done today by Bert Chisholm and Jake Fine, representatives of the Bunting Tractor company at Boise; Paul House, Nyssa, Ore., manager of the north board of control, Owyhee project, and Mr. Robinson.

Under the new agreement, water-user instead of the bureau of reclamation will have the responsibility for delivering water and operating the Owyhee project except for the Owyhee dam and reservoir and a main tunnel at the dam. Operations will involve the hiring of irrigation managers, ditchriders and all other personnel needed in water distribution, plus maintenance of the network of canals and laterals carrying water to project lands.

Present employees of the reclamation at Homedale will probably all be hired under the new set-up, Mr. Robinson said.

Prizewinners Named in Decoration Contest
Prizes in the annual Christmas decorations contest in Homedale were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Afton Welch for the best decorated tree. Mr. and Mrs. James Yamada wee second place winners.

Mrs. and Mrs. Sam Buck won first, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams, second, for outdoor lighting. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bean received honorable mention.

Dr. and Mrs. R. George Wolff were first, and Mr. and Mrs. Lum Perkins, second, for best decorated doorways.

Prizes of \$3 and \$2 were given in each group. Sponsors were the American Legion auxiliary, Homedale Improvement club and Business and Professional Women’s club. Judges were chosen from these groups.

Board of Education Election Scheduled
All school trustees of Owyhee county are urged to attend a meeting to be held January 8 at 2 p.m. at the courthouse in Murphy when three members will be elected to the county board of education, according to Andrew Johnstone, chairman.

One member will be chosen to fill the unexpired term of Reuben Call, now being filled by L.R. Selders, Homedale, until a new member is elected. The terms of Ted Blackstock, Marsing, and Sam Noble, Bruneau, have expired.

134 years ago

Dec. 28, 1867

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS. – People have diverse notions concerning the manner in which Christmas should be celebrated. Nearly all agree no labor should be performed on that eventful day – the anniversary of our Savior’s birth. Some consider it proper to clothe themselves in sack-cloth and ashes, go hungry and pray; others are of the opinion that the only right way is to stuff themselves with all kinds of luxuries and nick-knacks, that, if kept up for two weeks would send them to the grave forthwith; while another, and the most numerous class of all, think that the best way to commemorate the birth of the meek and lowly Jesus is to drink plenty of whisky and get as drunk as possible; yet another class consider that variety is necessity in the make-up of a Christmas celebration and have what is called a “good time generally.” Well, as all these classes acted according to their own tastes, we presume that the affair passed off as creditably here as anywhere else.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. — Next Wednesday is the beginning of 1868. The past has been an eventful year in the history of Owyhee. One year ago the prospect was dark and gloomy, work was suspended on nearly all of the mines and not a mill was running; now a large number of mines are being worked and nine mills are in operation nearly all the time. Large amounts of bullion are being shipped to the Mints. There is no excitement, business is lively, people are cheerful, and labor is in good demand. In taking an impartial view of matters and things during the past, we are led to the conclusion that the dark days of Owyhee are over; its progress for the better during the last six months being almost unrivalled in the history of the mining camps. One of the most noticeable and commendable features of which is that most of the mines now worked are paying all expenditures, besides affording handsome profits to their owners. If improvement be as great in ’68 as it has been in ’67 our mines will be unrivaled by any in the world.

NEW STAGE STATION — The traveling public will be pleased to learn that Hill Beachey has put in a new station on his stage line at the mouth of Ives’ Canon, twelve miles from Rattlesnake and ten from Summit springs. It is called “Battle Creek Station,” and is a picturesque location surrounded by lofty and rugged mountains. The canon opens out into a beautiful valley which produces a good quality of hay in abundance. Battle Creek affords a plentiful supply of excellent water, and is literally alive with trout. We are informed that ranching will be carried on extensively there – one of the main features of which will be a large apple orchard, which will be planted in the Spring. A house, stabling, &c., are already built. It is a night station and our friend Eq. Cage keeps the hotel.

The ball for the benefit of the Sunday School Christmas Festival came off last Saturday even as per announcement. There was a large attendance of both children and old folks. It was a pleasant affair; joy and glad ness reigned supreme. It was indeed a charming sight to see the little youths and maidens engaged in the graceful evolutions of the dance. Everybody got home just in the nick of time to be innocent of the charge of breaking the Sabbath. Thanks to the committee of arrangements for complimentary.

THE OWYHEE CHOIR. – This society is prospering finely; quite a number o ladies and gentlemen attend, and under the skillful supervision of the directors, Messrs. Vass and Vanslyke, we will soon have a choir ready and capable for any emergency were vocal music is required.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Trustee’s Sale No. 02-MS-26611
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on **April 17, 2002**, at the hour of **11:00 AM**, of said day, **THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CORNER OF STATE HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID**, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:
LOT 7 OF BLOCK 3 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF MURPHY, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 110 RABBIT CREEK RD, MURPHY, IDAHO 83650, 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 CLINTON L. BEATEY AND TREVA E. BEATEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOMEQ SERVICING CORPORATION, F/K/A TMS MORTGAGE INC, DBA THE MONEY STORE, as Beneficiary, dated 4/27/1999, recorded 5/4/1999, under Instrument No. 228442, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by HomeEq Servicing Corporation, formerly known as TMS Mortgage, Inc. dba The Money Store.

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 made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 4/27/1999, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 9/1/2001 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH.

	Amount due as of December 11, 2001
Delinquent Payments from September 01, 2001	
4 payments at \$ 288.65 each (09-01-01 through 12-11-01)	\$ 1, 154.60
Late charges:	\$ 231.35
Beneficiary Advances	\$ 200.03
TOTAL:	\$ 1,585.98

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$32,030.41, together with interest thereon at 9.600% per annum from 8/1/2001, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to see or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
DATED: December 11, 2001.

ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP
Trustee
By Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION
720 Seventh Avenue, Suite 400
Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550
Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com>

1/2, 9,16/23/02

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 69607

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
PO BOX 165
SUN VALLEY ID 83353, has filed Application No. 69607 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County:
Right No. 55-4067
Priority 7/1/1890
Source SOUTH FORK OWYHEE RIVER
Use IRRIGATION (64 acres) 1.28 CFS
Total Amount 1.28 CFS
Point(s) of Diversion SESESE S25 T14S R05W
Place of Use S25 T14S R05W S36 T14S R05W
Remark: Applicant proposes to move the Point of Diversion off public land onto their

private land in the NWNENW S36 T14S R5W

Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code.

Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the 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 January 22, 2002. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J DREHER,
Director

1/2 & 1/9/02

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CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO ORDINANCE #336

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO AMENDING HOMEDALE CITY ORDINANCE #329, SECTION 6 (B)(1) TO INCLUDE A MINIMUM FINE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO:

Section 1: That Ordinance #329, Section 6 (B)(1) shall be amended as follows:

1. Any person owning, in charge of, or occupying any lots, lands or premises within Homedale City limits who shall after notice, as provided for herein, fail or refuse to continuously keep the property they own, are in charge of, or occupy free from constituting a public nuisance as defined in Section 4 of this of Ordinance #329, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subjected to penalties of a minimum fine in the amount of One Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$100.00) and any other penalties set forth in Idaho Code Section 18-113 as amended. The Homedale City Police shall have the authority to issue a uniform citation to violators of this Ordinance.

Section 2: All remaining sections and portions of Ordinance #329 remain unchanged by this Ordinance.

PASSED BY THE HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL THIS 27th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, CITY OF HOMEDALE, THIS 27th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001.

Harold Puri, Mayor
ATTEST:
Pamela K. Dugger
City Clerk

1/2/02

LEGAL NOTICE

Pioneer M.H. Home Park & Mini Storage will sell at a Silent Public Auction to the highest bidder on Jan. 7, 2002, the stored belongings of the delinquent account listed below. The auction will be held at 1060 East Pioneer Road, Homedale, Idaho and will begin at 10:00 am. Goods to be sold in accordance with Idaho Code.

Brenda Simono
Rt #1 Box 1121
Homedale, Idaho 83628
Unit # B-20

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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

At 1:00 o’clock P.M. on **March 19th, 2002, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho**, 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 Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

A part of Lots 25 and 26 of Block 2 of Larsen Estates Subdivision, Owyhee County, Idaho, and the SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point 66 feet W. of the SE corner of Lot 26, Block 2, Larsen Estates Subdivision, being the real point of beginning, thence N. 32°58’W. parallel with the East line of said Lot 26 a distance of 201.02 feet to a point; thence N. 89°36’49” W. a distance of 151 feet, more or less, to the center line of vacated Maranatha Drive; thence S. 19°36’45” E. a distance of 177 feet to a point; thence S. 89°36’45” E. a distance of 203 feet, more or less, to the real point of beginning.

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-5511. **According to the Trustee’s records, the street address of Route One East Thompson Road, Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said property.**

Said sale will be made without covenant of warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Kevin A. Grochowski and Janet Grochowski, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Transnation Title and Escrow, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Consolidated Mortgage Inc., a Idaho Corporation, dated April 7, 1999, and recorded April 12, 1999, as Instrument No. 228181, the beneficial interest subsequently assigned to Chase Bank of Texas National Association (formerly named Texas Commerce Bank National Association) as Custodian, by Assignment recorded December 18, 2000, as Instrument No. 234604, all records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

The above Grantor(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to:

1) make the monthly payment of \$584.37 due for the months of July, August, September and October, 2001.

The principal balance is \$61,616.64, together with interest accruing thereon at 9.88% per annum. All

delinquencies are now due together with accruing interest, any late charges, advances made to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED this 16th day of November, 2001.

First American Title Insurance Company
Successor Trustee
By: Sydnee Smith-Hale
Assistant Trust Officer
12/26, 1/2, 9 & 16/02

PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On January 17, 2002, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear public testimony on the following matters beginning at 7 PM in the Commissioners’ Annex on Basey Street, Murphy, Idaho.

LOUCKS – REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF SPECIAL CONDITION

Les and Lavada Loucks have filed a request for modification of a special condition which was imposed on a Conditional Use Permit approved in 1999. Permission was given to subdivide approximately 80 acres into residential lots. Modification is sought for one parcel only. Special Condition “C” of the Findings and Conclusions issued for the Permit reads, “Lot size remain above five acres.” Absentee owner, Gunnar Michalsen, has authorized the Loucks to request a modification of this special condition which would allow the division of his parcel. Applicants also request residential use on both proposed parcels. Subject parcel is 5 acres in size and is located northwest of Marsing off of Old Bruneau Highway, in Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

ROGER FREEMAN -
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct a building which will contain three family residences, a convenience store, and a maintenance shop with storage. Applicant also intends to develop a vehicle fueling facility. Site of the proposed building is to be located on Highway 78 southwest of Given’s Hot Springs in Section 21 near the corners of Sections 21, 22, 28 and 27, in Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

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OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2001 COMMISSIONERS' ANNEX, MURPHY, IDAHO BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM

Present Commissioner Tolmie, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Salove, Clerk Eaton, Sheriff Aman, Treasurer Wright, Assessor Bahem, Fred Grant, Jim Desmond, Larry McDaniel, Barbara Jayo, Kristen Mercer, Shelly Frisbie, Barbie VanderBoegh, Sylvia Severson, Gene Gunderson, and Nate Helm.

The Board went into Executive Session on an Employee Matter. The Board requested additional information on the matter and returned to regular session.

The Board reviewed and approved payment of the County Bills.

The Board met with the Waterways Committee Chairman Larry McDaniel. He recommended that the Board review the Committee Membership and appoint Bill Jones to the Waterways Committee. The Board approved Bill Jones in place of Kirt Weimer. The Waterways Committee will review needs and meet with Board next quarter.

The Board reviewed and approved a document for requesting pay changes. The Board directed that a notice to employees and department heads go out re-enforcing the policy on comp time. No more than 240 hours of time can be accumulated and comp time must be taken or it will be lost. All overtime must be pre-approved by the supervisor.

Jim Desmond reported on the activities of the Natural Resources Committee. The Board expressed the desire to have the Birds of Prey and Bruneau scoping meetings to be spread throughout the county rather than just at the Rimrock High School.

Barbara Jayo introduced Kristen Mercer as the new Museum Director. Ms. Mercer reported that her goals were to continue the current programs to the community, to gather oral histories of the county, and to inventory the Norris McKeeth house.

Allen Long was not able to attend the meeting and requested to meet with the Board concerning the Emergency Management Manual at another time.

The Board directed that the water master classification be reviewed by BDPA, Inc.

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes of November 26, 2001.

INDIGENT AND CHARITY
Shelly Frisbie appeared before the Board and recommended denial of Case 01-31 because the applicant lives in Canyon County and has been there for 30 days. The Board denied the Case 01-31. Cases 01-12, 01-09, & 01-21 are scheduled for another day.

Fred Grant will report on the Amicus Brief at a later

date because he has not yet received the materials from the attorneys for review.

Barbie VanderBoegh, Sylvia Severson and Gene Gunderson met with the Board to report on the actions taken by Southwest District Health to prepare in case of a Bio-terrorist incident in the area. Mrs. Severson discussed the process for handling suspicious materials. Gene Gunderson stated that even though the State is experiencing a financial downturn, Southwest District Health will not be expecting the County to makeup the difference.

Nate Helm reported to the Board that the BLM was planning a scoping meeting on the Birds of Prey and that trails map was in the works.

The Board set the decision for the Comprehensive Plan for 10:00 am, December 17, 2001. The Board will meet with Andrea Fogleman of BDPA, Inc. concerning the scale guidelines on January 28, 2002 at 1:30 pm.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Signed this 17th day of December 2001.

Dick Reynolds
ACTING CHAIRMAN
ATTEST: Cynthia Eaton
CLERK TO THE BOARD
1/2/02

OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2001 COMMISSIONERS' ANNEX, MURPHY, IDAHO BEGINNING AT 9:30 AM

Present for the meeting were Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Salove, Clerk Eaton, Treasurer Wright, Assessor Bahem, Sheriff Aman, Jim Desmond, Fred Grant, Shelly Frisbie, Eric Morrison, Beverly Healy, Pat Momont, Jennifer Fenwick, and Jerry Hoagland.

In the absence of Commissioner Tolmie, Commissioner Reynolds is Acting Chairman.

The Treasurer requested cancellation of tax on PP5900357 for the amount of \$1.74 and PP5902003 \$2.72 because the taxes are general and unsecured under the Federal Bankruptcy Law and the owner is in bankruptcy. The Board moved and approved cancellation of both. The Treasurer further requested cancellation of \$570.86 on RP006700030040 because the homeowner's exemption was applied for but was not deducted from the parcel. The Board reviewed and approved the cancellations as presented.

Beverly Healy, Eric Morrison and Pat Momont reported on the effects of the State's requested reductions. The Extension Office will not be filling any new positions. The County has the option of assisting in the funding of Beverly Healy's position as grant coordinator in cooperation with the University. The Extension

could assign the grants to one of the current employees; however, other areas of importance may suffer because the overseeing of the grants is such a time consuming effort. Another option would be to turn the grants back and cut some of the programs supported by the grant funds. Some of the non-traditional programs have increased interest in 4-H and have increased the participation by the Hispanic Community. 10,000 to \$12,000 from the County would be matched by the University to maintain a person to oversee the grants and retain the current programs. The Board took no action.

Since Commissioner Salove was the only member present at this meeting who has heard the evidence in the Eslick Case, the decision is on hold until Commissioner Tolmie is well enough to attend the meetings.

Jim Desmond, Director of the Natural Resources Committee, reported to the Board that he had reviewed the Owyhee Water Shed Council Project with the Natural Resources Committee and the Committee recommended joining the process if the Board was satisfied with the answers to the following questions: 1) What financial obligation would fall to the County from the Association? 2) Which members of the Project will be subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners? 3) Who has final approval of membership? 4) Will the members act as individuals or representatives of the County? A meeting between the Board and a representative from the Owyhee Water Shed Council was scheduled. Mr. Desmond further reported that the fee waiver appeal to the BLM for the Slick Spot Peppergrass FOYA has been denied. The format for guiding contractors for the portions of the requirements of the proposed landfill site are being prepared. An expansion of the economic study for the County was discussed. The County contributed \$1,000 to the original study to assure access and use of the information. No action was taken by the Board. Discussion on the Amicus Brief is postponed until the information from the lawyers can be analyzed.

The Board moved into Executive Session to discuss an employee matter. Upon moving out of Executive Session, the Board took no action and resumed the regular meeting.

INDIGENT AND CHARITY
01-09 Board approved the application. 01-22 Hospital has withdrawn the Case and the Board signed findings denying the application. 01-24 The case is continued. 01-12 additional information has been requested.

A letter was sent to Marsing concerning a date for the Marsing Impact Area Hearing.

Jerry Hoagland introduced Jennifer Fenwick, from the Oregon Soil Conservation Service, to the Board. Ms. Fenwick was invited by the Board to discuss the Owyhee Water Shed Counsel. The Oregon Counsel has been approved by the Oregon

Governor. The Counsel is informed in such areas as DEQ Assessments and improvement implementation. The Counsel serves as an advisory group to the Governor's Conference, reviews the economic impact of agency actions on the community, raises funds for educating the public on areas of concern and improvement, and provides a forum for cooperation between citizens affected by the decisions within the water shed area. Ms. Fenwick answered the Board's questions, as well as those posed by the ONRC. Members act as individuals, some represent their own interests and others represent their respective counties or watershed area. Agency people cannot be voting members on the Counsel. No financial commitment is required other than the cost to each member of commuting to the meetings. Both Counties review potential members and if either County has a concern about the acceptability of the individual, the membership is not approved. The board took no action.

Chad Hyslop and Scott Nickelson reported to the Board concerning the activities as U.S. Ecology. The procedures used by U.S. Ecology for offloading and securing different materials was discussed.

There being no further business, the board adjourned.

Signed this 24th day of December 2001.

Dick Reynolds
ACTING CHAIRMAN
ATTEST: Cynthia Eaton
CLERK TO THE BOARD
1/2/02

FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) FARM FOR SALE

Approximately 58.44 total acres, 52.30 acres irrigated cropland, 6.14 roads/waste. The property is located approximately 2.5 miles northwest of Grandview, on Highway 78 and Beet Dump Road. Sale price is \$104,000.

The property is being offered for sale to those individuals Farm Service Agency (FSA) considers to be qualified beginning farmers or ranchers, and all prevailing claimants in the civil action Pigford vs. Glickman. Qualifying beginning farmers or ranchers who are prevailing claimants will be given first priority consideration in the purchase of this property. If more than one beginning farmer or rancher who is a prevailing claimant submits an application, priority within this group will be determined by lottery. Qualified beginning farmers or ranchers must be in need of FSA credit assistance either in the form of direct FSA financing, an FSA guaranteed loan or a participation loan. For other requirements and information on how to qualify as a beginning farmer or rancher, you may contact your local FSA office.

FSA defines a Beginning Farmer in part as a person or entity who:

-is eligible for a Direct or Guaranteed Farm Ownership loan

-has operated a farm or ranch for 3 years and not more than 10 years

-will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm or ranch.

-does not presently own more than 25 % of the average farm size in the county the base of operation is located in. (1,341 acres in Owyhee County) Additional information concerning Beginning Farmers or Ranchers and Farm Ownership loan eligibility criteria is available at the FSA office in Caldwell, Idaho.

OFFERS must be in writing on Form FmHA 1955-45, "Standard Sales Contract-Sale of Real Property by the United States" and must be submitted with deposit and application. Offers must be received by 4:30 P.M., Friday, January 11, 2002. Offers received after that date will not be considered.

The Government reserves the right to cancel the sale at any time and the right to reject any or all offers. Credit for the purchase of this farm is subject to the availability of funds and interest rate changes. If funds are not available at the time of sale, a lease option may be offered for one crop year not to exceed 18 months.

FOR INFORMATION PACKETS AND APPLICATION FORMS, contact Canyon County FSA, at 2208 East Chicago Street, Caldwell, Idaho 83605. Telephone (208) 454-8695. Or Elmore County FSA, at 795 S. Hasket, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647. Telephone (208) 587-3303.

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THANK YOU

The true spirit of Christmas is glowing in our community as evidenced by the outpouring of love and generosity shown to the residents at Owyhee Health and Rehab this Christmas season.

Our most grateful thank you to the Owyhee Avalanche for sponsoring our Christmas list in your newspaper. You have been wonderful to us all year. We appreciate you so much.

Somehow thank you doesn't seem like enough to the many people who brought gifts to the newspaper, or to all the school groups and individuals who have entertained us all year and especially at Christmas. You contributed so much to make the residents' Christmas an even more joyous and special time of year.

We can't thank you enough. We wish each and every one of you a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Gratefully,
Staff and Residents
At Owyhee Health and Rehab

Public notices

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO.:
CV-01-03357*M
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION
FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF IDAHO,
Plaintiff, vs.
CONSTANCE ANNE TALICH,
Defendant.
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.
TO: Constance Anne Talich
You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff in the Complaint.
A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If

you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

DATED this 26th day of November, 2001.

CLERK OF THE
MAGISTRATE COURT
By Lena Johnson
Deputy