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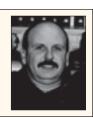
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# **Marsing trustees** ask for \$1.7 million levy

The Marsing School District trustees will ask voters to approve a \$1.698 million plant facility levy next week.

The plant facility election will take place from noon till 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Owyhee County voters will vote at the Marsing High School library or Marsing Elementary School library. Canyon County voters will cast their ballots at the Sprint Boat race track by the Snake River bridge on Highway 55.

Voters may register at the polls on the day of election – documentation showing the resident's physical address, such as a utility bill, is required.

Absentee voters can call 896-4111 to request an absentee ballot from Debbie Holzhey. The absentee ballot process continues through 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4.

The levy, which must be approved by a 66-2/3 majority to pass, is necessary to receive \$287,744 in school safety funds from the state. The levy would construct a new freestanding kitchen and lunchroom. It would also add five classrooms to Marsing High School. There would be two classrooms added in the downstairs of the high school's Blue Gym and an open assembly area would still be kept; three classrooms would be installed upstairs.

If the levy is approved and the facilities completed, the existing lunchroom would be utilized for elementary PE. Currently, students — to page **4** 



Grazing...

Cattle graze lazily in a pasture near Jordan Valley. Grazing and water rights will be a few of the top subjects of discussion during this year's Owyhee Cattlemen's winter meeting in Murphy Saturday. A spokesman from the Idaho Department of Agriculture, and speakers for the Owyhee Resource Area Permittees will discuss the upcoming year. See page 3.

# **BLM** extends public comment date

The Bureau of Land Management's Lower Snake River District is extending the date for the public to provide comments during the scoping stage of preparing two Resource Management Plans (RMPs) and Environmental Impact Statements

The date is being extended from Jan. 31, 2002 to Feb. 14, 2002 due to public requests. Comments received by the deadline date will be used in developing the issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the EISs for the Bureau Planning Area and Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area RMPs.

The RMPs will address public land management for the next 20 years over — to page **4** 

# Sen. King-Barrutia cited with second **DUI** charge

Political future uncertain for District 20 senator

by Cheryl Peterson

District 20 Senator Robbi King-Barrutia is uncertain what her political future holds, but is certain her future

will hold a short stay in jail after being cited Wednesday with her second drunken driving charge in five years.

King-Barrutia, 43 of Glenns Ferry, was stopped by an Idaho State Police Officer Wednesday evening



after she was seen driving erratically near the Wye interchange in Boise. She was given a summons and released instead of being booked into jail because of a provision in the Idaho Constitution which prohibits lawmakers from being arrested while in Legislative session.

The arrest is her second in five years and King-Barrutia said she offered to resign her seat Thursday, but legislative leaders told her to think it over. On Thursday she began seeing an alcoholabuse counselor and she plans to attend a group alcohol recovery program in the coming weeks.

King-Barrutia's blood alcohol test came in at a 0.22, nearly three times the

# disaster auction is Saturday Marsing's 41st

Auctioneers will begin calling out bids at 10:13 a.m. Saturday morning Feb. 2 as the 41st annual Marsing Disaster Auction and sale kicks off at the Marsing Elementary School.

The auction raises money to replenish funds for local disaster relief, fires, funeral, hospital or large medical bills, and also assists the funding for the Marsing Ambulance. A portion of the proceeds is also donated each year to the United Way and a service organization which is chosen at an annual meeting in April.

Almost all items donated by individuals and businesses are new. There will be a drawing for a cut and wrapped half beef, sponsored by Spring Valley Livestock, Sandy and Terry McLeod; one cut and

wrapped butchered hog, sponsored by Haken/Emerald Insurance Agency, Dick Downum; one silver bar, sponsored by the Marsing Disaster Auction Committee; a \$250 shopping spree, donated in part by Boise Town Square Mall, a Ruger 22-250 donated by Wayne Hungate, Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance, and several other items.

Food booths will offer a variety of lunch items including chili, coffee, homemade pies, and turkey and noodles.

Marsing Elementary students sold more than 5,000 raffle tickets last year and committee chairman Mike Kiester says they hope to break that record this year. Judy Malmberg is again in charge of raffle ticket sales and said students have begun selling tickets this month and will continue through the day of the sale. Students in the fifth and sixth grade classes have been selling the tickets, which can also be obtained from the Marsing Middle School, Marsing Elementary School or by contacting Malmberg.

Mike Kiester is chairman for the event this year and Pete Smit is co-chairman along with many other volunteers that help put the event together.

Auctioneers will again be Bob Hopkins, Sid Maxwell, Lonnie Rudd, Al Osmus, Rick Brown, Chris Brown and Elis Albright. J.B Salutreugi will also join the crew of bid callers this weekend.

The local fundraiser has raised nearly \$200,000 in just five years. Sales were slightly down last year

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# Donation of pride...

Clara Showalter, Bette Peck, Karen Bass, Pam Haines and Debbie Birch hold an American Flag wall hanging the members of the Marsing Stitchers Club made to be donated to this year's Marsing Disaster Auction. from a record-breaking \$44,000 the year before, but a spokesman for the event said the committee hopes this year's event to be another record-breaking year.

Local quilters began working on quilts shortly after last year's auction in preparation for this year's sale. The Marsing Stitching Club has again donated a quilt to the event and this year the group also donated an American Flag quilted wall hanging.

Longtime quilter Peggy Korte will again have a quilt for the sale. This year Korte has donated a queen size Levi quilt. Along with her quilt, buyers will have the opportunity to bid on Korte's sour cream pies and quarts of dill pickles.

To donate items for the auction or to volunteer, contact Kiester at 880-6906, Pete Smit at 863-8742 or any member of the Marsing Fire Department or ambulance service. —CP



Auction donation

Marsing Stitchers Club Members Bette Peck, Clara Showalter, Karen Bass, Pam Haines and Debbie Birch hold a king size quilt and two pillow shams the group made to be donated to the 41st annual Marsing Disaster Auction that will be held Saturday. The quilt will be on display at US Bank in Marsing and can be bought at the auction, which will be held at Marsing Elementary School and will begin at 10:13 a.m.

# Smorgasbord art show deadline approaches

By Melanie Hoyt

The deadline is quickly approaching to pre-purchase tickets for the 41st Annual International Smorgasbord and to enter items in the Smorgasbord Art Show.

The annual fundraiser for Homedale schools will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 at Homedale Elementary School. This year the theme of the event is "Education:

Building United Communities."

Ticket sales are still low. As of Friday, Jan. 25, sales totalled \$2,591, compared with nearly \$4,000 last year. The winners for ticket sales for the week of Jan. 21 through Jan. 25 were Jason Rangel, Kyle Breach, Elizabeth Davis and Kara Jenkins. Mrs. Warren's class was the top seller for the week as well.

Deadline for artists to turn in their entries for the Smorgasbord Art Show is 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8. The age groups include elementary, middle school, high school and adult. Cash prizes and ribbons will be given for the first five places in the middle school, high school and adult age groups — \$15 Grand Champion, \$10 first place, \$8 second place, \$6 third place, \$4 fourth place and \$2 fifth place. Elementary and people's choice awards will be ribbons only. Artwork should be mounted or matted if possible. Judging will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 8. The entry is open to everyone, but work entered in previous years can not be entered again. Artwork can be picked up after 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 or from the Elementary Office on Monday,

show are available at all Homedale Schools. Contact Ned Stokes at Homedale High School at 337-4613 for more information.

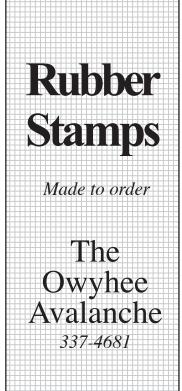
Tickets to the Smorgasbord are still available for purchase through Homedale Middle School sixth-graders, and Matteson's Owyhee Motors is selling tickets through Feb. 6. A family ticket to the event covers two adults and children for a maximum of eight people and costs \$26. Junior High

through age 59 tickets are \$6 each. Senior citizens who are 60 years or older can get tickets for \$5 a piece. Tickets for students in first through sixth grade are \$3.50 and there are tickets for preschool age children for \$2.

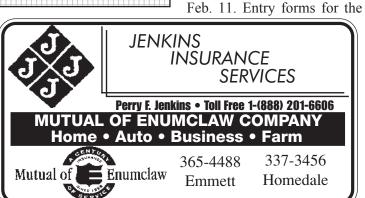
The event offers a wide variety of food booths with an international flair. This year the booths include: salad chaired by Melanie Harper, Idaho chaired by Michelle Mashburn and Teresa Gibson,

Mexican chaired by Paula Huddleston, Oriental which has no chairperson, Basque organized by John and Gloria Lejardi, European chaired by Loretta Hopkins and Leanda Uranga, bread organized by Kim Mackenzie, beverage chaired by Steve Zatica and Dave Freelove and dessert chaired by Sue Vanderhoff.

The organizers are stilling looking for donations. Contact Dave or Amy Freelove at 337-3926 to donate.









### Building the church on a hill

The new Nazarene church is beginning to take shape on land between Homedale and Wilder.

# New church construction making progress

By Melanie Hoyt

The new building for the Homedale Church of the Nazarene is taking shape in the land across the Snake River Bridge in Canyon County. With the new building will come a new name: Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

The church is changing the name to encompass a larger area and to be more inclusive, Pastor Chuck Ryan said. The new building will have a Wilder address, and the church serves people from Nampa, Caldwell, Adrian, Marsing, Homedale and Wilder.

Last week, framing began at the site at the corner of Batt Corner Road and Ustick between Wilder Homedale. It's been a long journey to get to the moment of the wooden beams rising in the dessert land. Ryan said the search for property began three years ago. Though they began looking in Homedale, he said the church could not find affordable property. Their need for affordable land was answered by a family in the church who owned 8.8 acres of land just across the bridge from

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Homedale.

Ryan said there has been an extensive process of obtaining building permits and meeting with planning and zoning to change the designation of the land from agriculture to commercial.

Construction on the 18,000-square-foot building began in spring of 2001. The site has been shaped for the landscaping, parking lot and a ball park diamond. Plumbing is already in the ground and work began on framing on Jan. 22.

Ryan said they hope to be into the building in July or August. At that time it won't be totally completed, but they'll have the grounds, exterior of the building, sanctuary, children's department, office complex, lobbies and restrooms all finished. The rest of the building, including a fellowship hall, kitchen, youth

center and several adult classrooms, should be totally completed by the end of the year.

Ryan said he hopes to further reach out to the Hispanic community. He said they are searching for a bilingual person to teach a class in Spanish. The new church will have technology available so that someone could translate the sermon into Spanish and church members could listen to the translated sermon through headsets.

"We haven't had to do a real hard sale in regards to pledges. People have been generous. They're excited about it. The need is evident when you can't find a pew. And when the weather's bad, people don't want to walk a half-a-mile to get to church," Ryan said. "So everybody's aware of the need. People are excited about growing a church for the Lord."

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# Cattlemen to hold annual winter meeting Saturday

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association will hold its annual winter meeting this Saturday at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

The meeting will be called to order by OCA President Kenny Tindall at 1:30 p.m. with an opening statement and introductions. The drawing for the membership silver bit will be held following Tindall's statement.

Guest speakers include John Chatburn, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, who will discuss Idaho Clean Water Act and how it will affect you, and Lloyd Knight, ICA-Environmental Education Program.

Afternoon industry update reports will be presented by Eric Davis, Vice President of the National Cattlemen's beef Association, ICA report of activities, Bill Bullard, CEO for R-Calf, Owyhee Resource area permittees, representatives for the Owyhee Initiative, Owyhee WAG, Owyhee Sage Grouse

The general business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m., with Tindall leading a discussion of old and new business. Paul Miller will present resolutions for the association to consider.

The evening program begins at 6:30 p.m., with a potluck dinner at the Road District Shop. The social hour is from 6 to 7 p.m. CP

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# √ Levy

walk from the elementary school to the Blue Gym.

The freestanding food services building would include a kitchen, lunchroom, storage area, public restrooms and stage for grades kindergarten through twelve.

The levy would also add carpet to the high school to replace the existing worn-out floor coverings.

The 20-year levy would increase taxes \$77.60 per year on an average \$70,000 home on a \$10,000 lot, or \$43.65 with a homeowner's exemption. The owner of a \$100,000 home on a \$15,000 lot would see taxes increase \$111.55 or \$63.05 per year with a homeowner's exemption.

From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the day of the election chili, baked potatoes, hotdogs and haystacks will be served in the Marsing Elementary School multi-purpose room. The cost is \$2 for children up to age 12, \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$10 for a family of four. Dessert will be served at Marsing High School.

Voters most recently approved a \$2.65 million school bond in April, 1998 for multiple classroom additions to the elementary school, a multi-purpose/physical education facility for the elementary and middle school and a new vocational agriculture shop. In 1993,

voters approved a \$1.65 million bond for the purpose of refinancing outstanding bonds at a lower interest.

Contacts for additional information include: Sue Showalter, Marsing ad hoc facilities committee cochairperson, 896-4331; Soila Contreras, Marsing ad hoc facilities committee cochairperson, 896-5136; Ron Hopkins, Marsing school district superintendent, 896-4111; Joe Usabel, Marsing School District Board of Trustees chairman, 896-4777.

# **√** Senator

legal limit in the State of Idaho. She reportedly said she only had two and a half glasses of wine.

The Privilege from Arrest law states: "Senators and representatives in all cases, except for treason, felony, or breach of the peace, shall be privileged from arrest during the session of the legislature, and in going to and returning from the same, and shall not be liable to any civil process during the session of the legislature, nor during the ten days next before the commencement thereof; nor shall a member, for words uttered in debate in either house, be questioned in any other place."

Due to the provision, King-Barrutia was allowed to leave jail without being arrested. She

was charged and given a court summons and released to a family member.

Regular citizens arrested on a second DUI charge would have been booked into the jail and been forced to post a \$1,000 bond to leave.

King-Barrutia pleaded guilty in February 1997 to a DUI charge filed earlier that year. She was given a sentence in April 1997 of 30 days in jail, with 27 suspended, one year of probation, and \$668 in fines and court costs, according to court records.

Because this is her second DUI charge in five years, she could face enhanced penalties if convicted.

The maximum penalty for someone convicted of a second DUI within five years is up to a year in jail, with a mandatory minimum of 10 days, and a \$2,000 fine. King-Barrutia is expected to appear in Magistrate Court on Feb. 8

# √ BLM

approximately 2,000,000 acres of public lands located in southwestern Idaho.

Comments can be sent to Mike O'Donnell, RMP Team Lead, at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705. Questions concerning the RMPs should be referred to Mike at 208-384-3315. Comments received after the date will be considered to the extent practical.

# Computer courses for seniors slated

The Homedale School District is offering basic computer skills classes for senior citizens. The participants will learn basic computer vocabulary and beginning computer and Internet skills. The classes take place from 3:15p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Homedale Middle School.

Today, the class will cover Internet skills. On February 13 and 27, the class will teach word processing skills. The March 13 course will be a question and answer session. On April 10 and April 24, instructors will review file management. The May 8 session will be the participants' choice of topics. The classes are free. For more information call 337-5780 and ask for Phyllis.

### **Grand View Lions to hold auction**

The Grand View Lions Club will hold their annual auction at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium. Lunch including chili and sloppy joes for \$1.50, pie and cake for \$1.00 and pop for \$.50 will be served at noon.

The auction will follow at 1 p.m. and will feature Baker Auctioneers and include livestock, hay and straw, furniture, household products, petroleum products, cakes and pies, and miscellaneous articles.

The funds raised at the auction go for many community projects. Last year the fundraiser bought eyeglasses for eight children and two adults who couldn't afford to pay for the vision correction. The Lions Club sponsors numerous groups such as 4-H, girl scouts, little league and others with help from the funding as well.

There will also be a raffle at the auction. Tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. Tickets can be purchased at many Grand View stores and at the auction.

# Senior Centers elect new officers and boards

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center elected new board members and officers at their December 11 meeting. The new officers include Bud Hetrick, chairman; Richard Kyle, vice chairman; Kathryn Matteson, secretary; Erma Udlinek, treasurer. Other board members include Jean Criffield, Agnes Smith, Laurine Cahill and Bob Higley.

The Marsing Senior Citizens Center has also elected board members and officers. Alma Eels is the new president; Leona Prall, vice president; Mary Burman, secretary; and Larry Meyers, treasurer. Other board members are George Carson, June Davies, Bertha Weygandt and Mary Mahler.



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# Juvenile drug use on the rise in Owyhee County

# Over 70% of juveniles on probation have used a controlled substance

by Cheryl Peterson

Children who live in Owyhee County and are currently involved in the probation system made all the statements included in the following article. Their names have been withheld due to their ages.

Thirteen-year-old "Anna" rocks back and forth in her chair nervously picking at her fingernails. "Yeah, I've done meth several times," "Anna" bluntly states. "It ain't killed nobody I know."

"It's OK, everybody is doing it." The opinion is widely held by many of our children in Owyhee County, where over 70 percent of the children in the juvenile probation system have at least tried, and most continue to use, a controlled substance.

"Anna" lives outside of Homedale and attends Homedale Middle School. She matter-of-factly states that her drugs of choice methamphetamine marijuana.

"I have done pot, and was gonna try crank once, but couldn't get any," "Anna" continues. "It makes me feel good. I can do anything when I have meth. I don't know why adults make such a big deal out of it, they can drink. It ain't that bad, its kinda like drinkin."

"Anna" is only one of many children who have experienced drug use at her young age. Currently 48 children ages 14-18 in Owyhee County are on probation, most indirectly because of drug use.

"I have had friends caught, but they ain't caught me yet, they won't,""Anna" continues.

"I usually get money from my mom or sometimes I find it layin' around. It's easy to get. It's easy to buy here."

"It actually has stayed fairly consistent over the last three vears, but has risen slightly," Owyhee County Juvenile Probation Officer Doris Jewett said last week of the amount of kids using drugs. "When kids first come on probation we do a risk assessment on them and ask them questions about their drug and alcohol use. And of course, all of them say 'I haven't done that' unless they have been caught with it. But later in the probation I will do another reassessment and then the numbers jump up a lot after I have had a chance to do a UA (urinalysis) on them and talk to them and monitor them. This week we did four UAs and two of them came back positive for meth. The other two tests haven't returned yet. One of those has tested positive for meth and pot in the past."

In 1999, 64 percent of the children on probation in Owyhee County had substance abuse problem. Last year, 72 percent of the children on probation had a substance abuse problem.

Jewett said some of the biggest drug problems in the county begin methamphetamine marijuana. "Meth is on the rise and I think it is becoming a big problem. I think the problem is people come out here and they manufacture it. With the actual land-mass that is here it is impossible to cover that much ground. The deputies are busy all the time so it is pretty easy for them to slide into one of these out-of-the-way places and set up their meth labs."

Jewett said the worst problem is parents who deny their child is doing drugs.

"I had one mother tell me 'well smoking a little pot isn't going to hurt them, I did it when I was a kid.' A lot of people who drink a lot say 'wow my kid is doing drugs,' without realizing that alcohol is as much of a drug. It is a legal substance but it still gets you to the point that the drugs do."

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said that if there is one kid on drugs, then the area has a drug problem. He said about one in four of the juveniles he deals with is because of drug problems.

"Yes I do realize we are probably just handing a kid back to a drug situation when we have to turn them back over to their parents, but at this point what else can we do?"

Jewett said that even though she gets the kids into the juvenile system, she still faces a struggle keeping them from going back to the dangerous life they have been leading.

"We do substance abuse counseling, but we don't do that here. Most of them go to Bell Counseling. But a problem we run into is a lot of parents don't have the finances to get their kids in for the counseling. What I would like to do is buy a curriculum that deals with education. So we can have an education group right here in Homedale," Jewett explained.

"I do think we have a drug problem, but we can only deal with it on a limited basis. At this point where do we go for help? There is no in-patient treatment, and a juvenile detention center does not deal with treatment."

"Mark" is 18 and said he began trying drugs when he was eight. "I have done pot, coke, meth, booze, cigarettes, crank, micro dots, shrooms and crack," Mark explained. "My brother and sister did it and I was young and curious, so I tried it. Me and my friend found some weed so we rolled it up in normal paper and smoked it."

Mark has been arrested for consumption, unlawful entry, burglary, petty theft, battery and disturbing the peace. Mark said he sold drugs to help pay for his habit and said he tried to avoid arrests by doing the drugs "responsibly."

"I tried to only do it in my home," Mark continued. "The less people you are around, the less chance you have of getting caught."

Third District Court Judge Thomas Ryan has seen several hundred cases of juvenile criminals before his court and said the majority of those in his court are not arrested for drugs, but drugs are usually a reason the children are in his courtroom.

"Without having the hard statistics in front of me I can't say exactly how many charges for possession for some type of controlled substance has come through on a juvenile petition in Owyhee County. If you just look at those statistics it might lead someone to believe that we don't have a drug problem in Owyhee County. I personally don't

think that is true. You can tell on a juvenile petition – for instance, charging someone with burglarizing a residence or rifling through a car or something of that nature. A lot of them are indirectly related to the consumption of a controlled substance whether it be a juvenile intoxicated at the time and that causing them to make a poor choice to commit a crime or actually driving them to steal for value of money for drugs. I see enough of those kinds of offenses that are an indirect relation to drug use to know there is a bigger problem out there than the actual cases brought to the court charging someone with possession or consumption of a controlled substance.

"Almost a hundred percent of the kids who get placed on juvenile probation have a drug assessment as a condition of probation. This is a small enough community that you will have a particular juvenile who we identify to have a drug problem and sometimes you see them once and sometimes they continue to be a problem. The lack of facilities to put these kids in juvenile detention in Owyhee County does not deter my sentencing. We are usually always able to find bed space in Canyon County.

"My observation is that most of the juveniles that are involved in the use and abuse of alcohol or drugs come from families that have adults in them that also abuse alcohol or drugs."

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# **Obituaries**

# Joseph Howard Marchek

Joseph Howard Marchek, 89 of Boise, died Monday, January 21, 2002, at a Boise hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 24, 2002, at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Rd., Boise. Burial will follow at Terrace Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Joe was born the youngest of six children on February 14, 1912, in Rock Springs, Wyoming to James and Mary Marchek. The family moved to Homedale, Idaho, arriving on Valentines Day 1916, Joe's 4th birthday. The Marcheks were one of 4 families comprising the "Austrian Settlement" located southwest of Homedale. Joe met, courted and married the love of his life Ethel Louise Feldtman. They were married on January 27, 1936, on a beautiful snowy day in Ontario, Oregon. Joe farmed the home place until 1957 when he and his immediate family moved to Boise. After that, Joe worked as a carpenter building houses. At the same time, he and Ethel owned and operated an apartment house. They briefly owned and operated a motel in Brigham City, Utah, from 1966 until 1968. Upon returning to Boise, Joe worked at Guerdon Industries Mobile Home

Manufacturing as a carpenter until retirement.

Joe's good and wholesome life as husband, father and grandfather is his legacy left to his family. Joe is survived by his wife Ethel of 65 years and their daughters Teena Marchek of Boise and Terry Richcreek of Garden Valley, Idaho. He also leaves behind four grandchildren: Tammy Gray and husband Dale, Dana Richcreek and wife Karyn, Kellen Richcreek and wife Nadine and Tenli Caldwell and husband John. He is also survived by nine greatgrandchildren: Lee, Bronson, Crystal, Dustin, Jordan, Dakotah, Tyson, Brenn and Lauren and several nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by a son Philip Wayne, his parents and son-in-law Skip. He is also preceded by 2 brothers: James "Tommy" and Frank, 3 sisters: Mary Chadez, Frances "Fannie" Miklancic and Angeline "Galy" Marchek.

The family wishes to thank all the medical providers who so lovingly used their talents and gifts to care for Joe this last year, especially those who provided home health care and outpatient therapies.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association, 270 S Orchard, Boise, ID 83705.

# Beatrice "Bea" Lineberger

Beatrice, affectionately known as "Bea", Lineberger,

84 of Homedale, died on January 25, 2002. Graveside Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2002 at Canyon Hill Cemetery.

Beatrice Marx was born February 6, 1917 in Albuquerque, New

Mexico. Her brother and only sibling, William F. Marx was born 11 months later in 1918. She lived in Roswell, N.M. with her parents, William T. and Edna Wheeler Farr Marx, and her brother until 1922 when the family moved to Dexter, N.M. Her father retired from the US Postal Service in 1933 and moved the family to Cleveland, Ohio. After 6 months and a snowy winter, they moved back to Roswell. In 1935 the family moved to Glendale, California where Bea attended and graduated from Hoover High School in 1936. She met and married Paul Sinclair in Glendale, CA in 1944. Bea and Paul had 3 children; namely, Paula, who preceded her mother in death in 1991, sons, William and Douglas. They lived at 1265 Thompson, Glendale. Paul was

employed by the US Postal Service and transferred as a rural route carrier to Silverton, Oregon until Paul died.

Bea met and married Johnnie

Grossnickle and moved to Parma, Idaho where she owned and operated a beauty shop in Adrian. Oregon. Through her marriage to Johnnie, acquired stepchildren; namely, Shirley, Charlotte, Jeannie and Jack. After Johnnie died in

1972, she met and married Lawrence Lineberger of Homedale, Idaho, on March 15, 1991. She enjoyed raising flowers and traveling. Her travels included Australia. New Zealand, Canada, Washington D.C., Florida, North Carolina, Alaska, and the Panama Canal. She also loved to fish. She was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge at Parma, Idaho. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence, two sons, William and Douglas Sinclair, seven grandchildren, stepchildren, Jack Grossnickle, Jeanne Bennett. Charlotte Domenico and Shirley Hall, 9 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and greatgreat grandchildren. She was

Johnnie Grossnickle.

Memorials may be given to the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, PO 1100, Boise, ID 83701.

preceded in death by her

parents, daughter, Paula, and

husbands, Paul Sinclair and

# **Death notices**

**Terry Watson** 

Terry Watson, 54, of Marsing died at a Caldwell hospital on January 26, 2002. Arrangements are pending at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

## Jaired "Jerry" A. Ivie

Jaired "Jerry" A. Ivie, 53, of Homedale died at home on January 27, 2002. Arrangements are pending at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

# **Birth**

# Trevor Case Echevarria

A baby boy named Trevor Case Echevarria was born to Casey and RoJon Echevarria of Wilder on January 23 at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Meridian. Trevor weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. His maternal grandparents are John and Rhonda VanZelf of Parma. Paternal grandparents are Janice Cone of Hamilton, Texas and Rick Echevarria of Homedale. Maternal great grandparents are Bertha Cone, Rufo and Margie Isaguirre, Wilder and John Echevarria of Homedale.

Trevor was transported by ambulance to St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Boise, to the newborn intensive care unit three hours after he was born. As of Friday, Jan. 25, he was still in critical condition.







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in such things as feeding,

cooking and exercise.

Once completed, Hope

through high school level.

# Hope House to auction Nampa property

By Melanie Hoyt

Plans for the Hope House family to move into its new Marsing location have hit a delay, due to the sale of their Nampa property falling through in December.

Because of the setback the organization plans to hold an auction from 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 11461 Lone Star Rd, Nampa. They will begin showing properties at 10 a.m. The properties include the nine-bed residential home, the 18,500 square-foot boys' and girls' dormitory building with a gym and kitchen, and a seven-room fully handicapped accessible education center.

"We're in a standstill since the sale fell through a day or two days before closing," Hope House founder and CEO Donnalee Velvick said.

The lack of sale of their three Nampa properties has left the organization waiting until June or July to move into their new Marsing home at the old Job Corps site. The group had hoped to be at their Marsing home in February.

The sale of the properties is necessary make to improvements at the Marsing site. The funding is needed to install two wells and to retrofit all of the living quarters and school/chapel and dining room/ kitchen with fire sprinklers and alarms. They are also undergoing the process to secure water rights for drinking water for the two wells on the property. They hope to receive the approval for the water rights this month. The group must also complete installation of a drain field for their treatment

"We're going to be okay. These are things we can get through," Velvick said.

Currently, Hope House is able to serve 42 children age 17 and under and they also

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# From page 6

# Kids on drugs

"Alice" is a fourteen-year-old girl from Homedale and attends Center Point High School. She said although she has never used "hard drugs" she has used alcohol, cigarettes and marijuana.

"I have been offered meth, but my parents have told me what it does to your body so I haven't tried it," Alice continued. "I only tried pot a couple of months ago. I have to go to Center Point because of fights. Kids talkin' smack about me. Pot is easy to get here. I can get it anytime I want."

Alice said she had a friend who was "trippin" on crank and the sight scared her. "They got really sick and got a fever and cold really bad. But with crank you don't eat. If you know the right people you can find a party anytime."

Alice said she has an older sister who has tried drugs and that her mother used to do drugs.

16-year-old Amy attends Homedale High School and said she could get bags of "weed" anytime she wanted to.

Amy said she has tried alcohol and cigarettes but has never tried drugs.

"I'm not a party person," Amy explained. "But I have been to parties where there have been drugs. Mostly weed, never anything else. I have only heard about buying and selling weed. I could get some weed in probably five minutes."

Amy said she is involved in extracurricular activities at the school but has never been drug tested.

"I know some people who have been drug tested. They just stick them in a drug program and they have to drop out of the activities. I think drug use is about the same for people in the extra activities as the ones who are not."

She said she feels that better families and better love and discipline would keep kids out of drugs.

Sixteen-year-old Andy said he began using drugs when he was nine and a half. He said he has tried weed, "shrooms," and cigarettes and used once or twice a month.

"My dad's family back in Mexico is known for it," Andy said. "I thought it was cool at the time. The first time I started using was when I found my dad's stuff and I grabbed it and smoked it with my friends. I have never had a bad trip. They have all been fine and fun trips."

Andy was arrested at the age of 14 for burglary and then later for shoplifting.

Seventeen-year-old Mitch was cut during a fight over drugs and said he never really had a need for money because everyone else always had drugs. Mitch was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon when he was in the ninth grade, consumption in the tenth grade, consumption in the 11th grade and two counts of assault and battery, assault on an officer, petite theft, driving without privileges and eluding an officer. He said he began using drugs at age eight when a friend had offered him weed.

# **Coming events**

### Wednesday, January 30

8:45 a.m. Grand View Elementary Awards assembly

9:00 a.m. Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High Chapter FFA to participate in interview, speaking in Kuna

10:00 a.m. Marsing FFA Chapter to participate in BVD Interview CDE in Kuna

10:00 a.m. Women's bible study at Homedale Friends Church

10:30 a.m. Linedancing at Homedale Senior Center

12:00 p.m. Marsing FFA Chapter to participate in Public Speaking CDE in Kuna

1:00 p.m. Pinochle at Homedale Senior Center

2:45 p.m. Homedale Middle School after-school program from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

4:45 p.m. Homedale High School boys basketball v. McCall

6:15 p.m. Marsing High School boys basketball v. New Plymouth

6:30 p.m. Homedale High School wrestling at New Plymouth

7:00 p.m. Homedale Presbyterian Church choir practice

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible study at Homedale Friends Church Homedale Presbyterian Church distributes newsletter

### Thursday, Jan. 31

2:00 p.m. The shopping bus to Homedale will be at the Homedale Senior Center

4:15 p.m. Homedale Middle School grade seven boys basketball at Vale

4:15 p.m. Homedale Middle School grade eight boys basketball v. Vale

4:15 p.m. Rimrock Jr. High School boys basketball v. Nyssa

7:00 p. m. Bruneau Elementary School kindergarten Dream Snow play

7:30 p.m. Homedale Church of the Nazarene ladies bible study

Marsing High School and Homedale High School girls basketball district at TVCC TBA

Music will be offered at Marsing Senior Center

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School girls basketball district time

and place TBA

### Friday, Feb. 1

Jordan Valley holds 1/2 day school grades 7-12 only

3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Jordan valley High School basketball v. Adrian

4:15 p.m. Marsing Middle grade 8 boys basketball v. New Plymouth

4:15 p.m. Marsing Middle grade 7 boys basketball at New Plymouth

4:30 p.m. Homedale High School wrestling at Weiser Varsity Tournament

5:30 p.m. Marsing High School wrestling at Melba

6:00 p.m. Rimrock High School boys basketball v. Wilder

6:15 p.m. Homedale High School boys basketball at Marsing

7:00 p.m. Homedale Middle School will hold open gym night from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 2

9:30 a.m. Homedale High School wrestling at Weiser Varsity Tournament

10:13 a.m. Marsing Disaster Auction at Marsing Elementary School

11:00 p.m. Jordan Valley middle school girls basketball at Crane

2:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Crane at Jordan Valley

Rimrock High School girls basketball district tournament at New Plymouth TBA

### Sunday, Feb. 3

5:00 p.m. Homdale Church of the Nazarene property board meeting.

# Monday, Feb. 4

9:30 a.m. Owyhee County Board of Commissioners

2:45 p.m. Homedale Middle School after-school program from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Jordan Valley freshman boys basketball at

7:00 p.m. Marsing FFA Chapter to have chapter meeting at AG Department

7:30 p.m. Homedale parent association meeting at Homedale High School

Rimrock High School girls

# basketball district tournament at New Plymouth TBA

Homedale Middle School has Academic Bowl at New Plymouth

Homedale Senior Center Area III Council meeting in Boise

### Tuesday, Feb. 5

12:00 p.m. Vote on Marsing School District Plant facility levy from noon till 9:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Marsing Senior Center board members meet

3:00 p.m. Jordan Valley middle school girls and boys basketball at Harper

4:15 p.m. Homedale Middle School grade eight boys basketball v. Melba

4:15 p.m. Homedale Middle School grade seven boys basketball at Melba

4:15 p.m. Marsing Middle grade 7 boys basketball v. Vale

4:15 p.m. Marsing Middle grade 8 boys basketball at Vale

5:00 p.m. Owyhee County Probation Department offers G.E.D. class from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Grand View Elementary ESL Family night from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Grand View Elementary School

Marsing High School and Homedale High School girls basketball district at TVCC TBA

Rimrock High School girls basketball district tournament at New Plymouth TBA

Music and bingo will be offered at the Homedale Senior Center

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# DAR honors Marsing teacher

The Daughters of the American Revolution have awarded Marsing Middle School teacher and Homedale resident Nick Schamber with the state-level Outstanding Teacher of American History Award. A certificate will be presented to him at the DAR meeting in Lewiston on March 23, and he will now go to the national level of competition in Washington, D.C.

The Pocahontas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was the sponsoring chapter for Schamber. Regent Nancy Baxter said he had to submit letters of recommendation, a biography and any articles he had published. She said he stood out because his classes have been consistent participants in the DAR's American History Essay contests for a number of years.

Schamber has worked for Marsing Middle School as the social studies teacher since 1991. He also has taken on various coaching duties during his time there. He has served as chairman of the social studies committee for the past three years and organized numerous Veterans' Day and Constitution Day assemblies. He also organized two trips to Washington, D.C.

Schamber came to the forefront because of his creative teaching methods. In one assignment he has students envision themselves as soldiers at Valley Forge during the Revolutionary War. Students write a letter and describe what life is like at the fort. Before the students put pen to paper, he has them take off their shoes and socks and stand barefoot on ice for a minute to simulate the feelings of the soldiers who marched through the snow in their bare feet.

Baxter said with "his love of history and love of country, he seemed like the perfect person to apply."

But Schamber didn't expect to receive the honor.

"I was surprised, actually. I had applied for this award before, a few years ago, and didn't win so I thought I would try again. I was totally shocked to win it this time around," Schamber said.

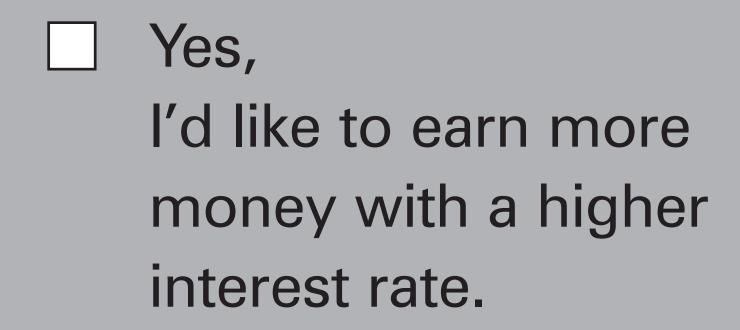
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# Looking back...

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# 25 years ago

# **January 20, 1977**

### Committee lists 3-Rs as top priority

HOMEDALE – In a report being prepared for presentation to the trustees of the Homedale School, reading, writing and arithmetic is listed as the most critical need

The Needs Assessment Committee has been compiling information gleaned from all segments of the community for a year, grouped them by priority, and are making recommendations for their implementation. Monday night's meeting was the last before the report is presented to the board.

Priority Number Two, the report states is the "World of Work." Here, the findings were that more on-the-job-training is recommended highest by parents, least by teachers, and between the two extremes, were the students.

Priority three is the arts; Priority Four is the Development of Self; Five, Health, P.E. and Safety; Priority Six, the Social World; and Seven, Relationship with Others.

In nearly every segment, more expenditures were suggested as recommendations to meet the criteria shown as priorities on the report.

When the final draft of the recommendations is completed, the Chronicle will publish the entire report as a public service.

# 2,522 partake of the international foods at "successful" smorgasbord

HOMEDALE—The sixteenth annual smorgasbord sponsored by the P.T.A. was termed as very successful and as the smoothest running event ever held. Chairmen Lorraine Stone and Lydia Duncan said the event ran smoothly because of the steady flow of people rather the usual afternoon lag and evening rush time.

A total of 2,522 persons were served from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, grossing from \$5,400 to \$5,500 for the P.T.A.

P.TA. committees will meet during the next two months to determine what the money will be used for. A special feature, which received added attention to smorgasbord goers this year, was the wildlife display, a courtesy of Ken's Taxidermy, Homedale, and was arranged by Leah Bell.

### UI Dean's list released

Area students listed on the Dean's list for the first semester in the liberal arts and professional colleges at the University of Idaho, Moscow, include: from Bruneau, Molly L. Davis, business and economics, and Judy L. King, general studies; from Homedale, Markee R. Stimmel, education, and Howard A. Van Slyke, agriculture; from Wilder, Craig O. Vance, agriculture, Scott K. Church, engineering, and Joanne L. Gross, letters and science.

### JVs lose two games

The JV basketball team lost to Fruitland Grizzlies 46-49, January 7. Jay Adamson was the high scorer with 21 points.

They also lost to Emmett 53-29, January 8. Jay Adamson, high scorer, made 10 points.

# Pearson scores 26 to aide in Trojan Victory

PARMA – Gerald Pearson scored 26 points and was credited with 11 rebounds to pace the Homedale Trojans to a 70-53 victory over Parma Thursday night in a Snake River Valley League basketball matchup.

# 50 years ago

## **January 24, 1952**

### PTA Passes Resolution; Film Shown

Homedale P.T.A. met at the grade school Monday evening and passed a resolution directed to Gov. Len Jordan regarding narcotics and voted to have a box social on February 18. Routine business was also conducted. Mrs. Harold Peterson, vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Glenn Faulks. Helen Guy's second grade won the room count.

"Of This We Are Proud" an Idaho Power company film, was shown by Lewis Bean and cello and piano numbers by F.O. Morrison and Mrs. O.D. Lewis completed the program.

A resolution directed to the governor proposed that the next legislature appropriate more funds for the purpose of furthering public education, treatment and enforcement on the problem of narcotics.

It was decided to hold a box social at the February meeting to help swell P.T.A. funds.

Third grade mothers served refreshments to about 80 parents and teachers.

# **Catch Lynx in Trap**

Charley Nelson at Allen Berends, Marsing, caught a lynx in a coyote trap last week in the rimrocks across from Givens Springs. The cat weighed 29 pounds and was 4 ft. 7 in. long. They are having the hide tanned for a rug.

# Construction Contract Signed for Opaline Dist.

The Babbitt Construction company of Boise has signed a \$94,123 contract for the construction of facilities for the Opaline Irrigation District, officers reported this week.

The district will purchase headgates, weirs and other incidentals for the project and will construct the laterals, haul and furnish the needed gravel for checks and surfacing.

District work is to be done by volunteer labor. This move was necessary to hold the cost under the \$100,000 allocated, according to officials. It is hoped that the project will be completed by June, 1952, but work cannot begin until approval is received from the district court next month.

# Mr. and Mrs. Breshears Honored on Wedding Anniversary Monday

Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Breshears were surprised Monday night when 41 relatives gathered at the Friends community church basement in Homedale to celebrate their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

A program was presented by their grandchildren and a large red and white heart in which the group dropped coins was presented the honored couple.

The four-tier wedding cake decorated in pink and green and topped with white doves and silver bells was baked by Mrs. Luther Hasselbring and decorated by Mrs. Parley Larsen, Marsing.

Mr. and Mrs. Breshears were married at Boise and resided in that area until they moved to the Succor Creek Community about 35 years ago.

### Party Given to Honor 5 birthdays

Five birthdays were honored Saturday night when a party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Matteson. Cards were played at four tables with prizes awarded to Mrs. Carl Rowen, Mr. and Mrs. Matteson and Mrs. Robert Ferguson, pinochle; and Mr. Rowen, Mrs. Frank Moss, Forrest Thompson and Mrs. C. R. Perkins, canasta.

Those having birthdays were Mrs. Jewel Scott and Bonnie, Donna Mae Thompson, Mrs. Matteson and Mr. Rowen. Each was presented a gift.

# 134 years ago

### Jan. 11, 1868

THE INDIAN WAR – A private letter from Camp Harney brings the information that Gen. Crook has determined upon making a winter campaign against the Indians in his district, to be prosecuted with all the vigor that can possibly be infused into it. It has hitherto been a rule – laid down in the books – that a winter campaign is impracticable. The attempt has been made once or twice in the Northern country, but so feebly and with such scant preparation as tamped the enterprise all over with failure, from the beginning. But for all that, we believe that with good common sense management and ample preparation, a winter campaign is not only practicable but advisable. The Indians have come to think that the moment the first snows fall they are thenceforward safe till the next spring has fully opened. Teach them the reverse of that; show them that the whites can follow them into their winter fastness, and a long stride will have been taken towards their subjugation. To talk of peace with them short of total subjugation is utter nonsense. No such peace can be obtained till the Indian is made to feel that there is no day in the year when he is secure; that no season and no circumstance can yield him immunity; than submission and good behavior only will secure him a time or place to rest.

If the authorities at the Headquarters will properly back up Gen. Crook's winter campaign, the "noble red man" will come down several pegs in his present contempt for the white soldier. – *Oregonian*, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

WHY? – The *Statesman* of the 9 inst. misrepresents the sentiments of Owyhee in the recent railroad convention, and attempts to make our delegation assume an antagonism in the premises that was never thought of. We hear nothing of a resolution which the Owyhee delegation sent to the convention. In saying so much Owyhee, Mr. Statesman, why didn't you publish the resolution referred to? It embodied more liberal views touching the question than you wished to disseminate; it conflicted somewhat with your "via Boise City" scheme, and wouldn't look well confronting straight jacket opinions. The "memorial" is chiefly remarkable for its absence of "important facts." But then it is as good a make-up as could be expected from your side of the house "until there shall be some survey made whereon to base some calculations."

COLUMBIA RIVER CLOSED. – The Idaho *Statesman* of the 14<sup>th</sup> says:

Messenger Jones, of W.F. ... Co., came up on the western stage yesterday, and reports the Columbia closed between Umatilla and the Dalles. The river was not frozen over, but there was so much ice that the boats could not run. John Hailey was at the Dales and hourly expected to arrive at Umatilla with a stage, mails and express. There weather has been unusually cold down there: At Umatilla, as much as 17 degrees below zero, and at Crawford's 31 below. The sleighing is good all the way from here to the foot of the mountains on the other side. On the mountains there is about eighteen inches of snow.

MISTAKEN – The Humbolt *Register* learns that the Owyhee is frozen over and that the stages are crossing on the ice. The Owyhee Ferry is only sixty miles from this place; we are in direct communication with it every day, and we fail to hear of stages crossing on the ice, or even of the river's being frozen entirely over, although there is so much ice it occasions much difficulty in running the ferryboat, sometimes causing a delay of several hours in crossing.

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# yhee Profile

# Sheriff Gary Aman: the fire inside

standards of the Owyhee County Sheriff's

Interview by Robert Boatman

When Gary Aman worked as a printer for Owyhee Publishing he knocked a hole in the side of a burning house in an attempt to rescue a child from the flames.

The Homedale Police Chief immediately recognized Aman's act of bravery and initiative and,

the very next day, asked him to join the city's police department as a reserve officer. "I thought that would be kind of exciting," Aman said. Thus his career in law enforcement was decisively launched.

In December of 1980, Aman moved over from Homedale PD to become a deputy in the County Sheriff's Department. About a week later, the Claude Dallas case came down. With the national spotlight on Owyhee County, Aman quickly progressed from jailer to Marsing patrol to Chief Deputy under Sheriff Gary Aman has spent the last six years celebrated Sheriff Tim raising the professional, training and performance Nettleton.

"I learned to run the Department. teletype with an FBI agent

standing over my shoulder sending messages all over the United States about the Claude Dallas case," Aman said. "I was involved in the search for the one body, and I did security for the trial. I only got to know Dallas on a 'Hi, how are you' basis. He was very nice, very polite.'

A few days ago, Sheriff Aman took an hour out of his busy day to discuss the state of Owyhee County law enforcement.

AVALANCHE: How large is the Sheriff's Office in terms of manpower?

SHERIFF: I've got a D.A.R.E. officer, five patrolmen in Marsing, two in Grand View, a parttime investigator and my Chief Deputy. I've been authorized to hire one more patrolman for the back country and I'll be doing that early this spring. I've also got five or six jailers and that many dispatchers and two driver's license clerks and one civil administrative clerk.

AVALANCHE: In addition to regular officers, you have the posse. Tell me about that.

SHERIFF: Greatest bunch of people in the world. This county could not operate without the posse, absolutely could not. Pretty much on a daily basis, they assist one of our full-time officers.

AVALANCHE: These are actually reserve deputies.

SHERIFF: Yes, there are three levels: Level one has the power of arrest outside the company of a fulltime officer. They can actually take a car and go out on patrol. They go to the P.O.S.T. (Police Officer Standards and Training) academy and they're certified with weapons. Level two can only act in the presence of a full-time officer. Level three is basically my search and rescue people, they do not carry guns.

AVALANCHE: Do you have any problems recruiting posse members?

SHERIFF: There's a waiting list for them. The Owyhee County Posse is well known throughout the state, very well thought of.

AVALANCHE: Tell me about your standard equipment.

SHERIFF: Right now we're running pickups, each officer has his own vehicle. We've got two river jetboats, one at C.J. Strike and one at Marsing. We have four-wheel ATVs and we'll have snowmobiles shortly. Of course, the posse has a little bit of everything and I can get whatever I need from them, including airplanes. We own a big trailer loaded with hazardous material equipment - we're the first

hazardous material responder – no other county in Idaho has our capability in that area. All that equipment is paid for by the tax on the hazardous waste dump in Grand View. In terms of firearms, we carry .40caliber Glock models 22 and 23. We've had our Glocks about a year, before that officers had to purchase their own weapons and we had everything.

Shotguns are Remington model 870s. We use a range that belongs to one of our posse members. We qualify with pistols four times a year, shotguns four times a year, rifles once a year.

AVALANCHE: What's biggest enforcement problem in Owyhee County:

Drugs. SHERIFF: Meth's the big thing. Just about everything will tie back into drugs.

AVALANCHE: Do you have any special anti-drug programs?

SHERIFF: We have the D.A.R.E. program in the schools. We used to be a member of the City-County Narcotics Unit and that was

on a federal grant, and when the grant ran out the county commissioners pulled the plug on continuing that program. So we do the best we can with what we've got.

AVALANCHE: What was the City-County Narcotics Unit?

SHERIFF: That was a joint task force of Owvhee and Canyon counties and all the cities in the counties. It was very effective. In fact, it was the number one narcotics task force in the state of Idaho and probably the Northwest as far as cases solved. It was an elite force, it was great. But the grant ran out and that was

**AVALANCHE:** Any chance of getting that program back? How expensive is it?

SHERIFF: It's just cost of coordinating officer, about \$60,000 a year.

AVALANCHE: What's the situation in cooperating with other departments?

SHERIFF: We work with other departments on a daily basis. Homedale PD, Idaho State Police, the FBI, the DFA the ATE everybody. We get leads on crimes in other counties and they get leads on crimes in our county. Right now, 70 percent of our crimes are committed by out-ofcounty people. We're constantly working, especially with Canyon County. Crooks don't know boundaries, they don't know where the don't care.

AVALANCHE:

Looking at the crimes committed in Owyhee County, how many of those cases lead to an arrest?

SHERIFF: We have a clearance rate of 43.5 percent, which is one of the highest of any sheriff's office in the state. We're very proud of that.

AVALANCHE: That's quite an improvement even over last year. So, at a time when your workload is increasing – more civil papers served, more incidents handled, more citations issued, more inmates booked, an increase over last year of more than 37% in some cases – your clearance rate is also going way up. How do you account for such increased efficiency?

SHERIFF: We're working harder, but mainly we're managing our manpower better.

AVALANCHE: While we're talking about more inmates booked, the Owyhee County jail is one of the best facilities in the state, isn't it?

SHERIFF: As I recall, we're one of only 17 fully certified jails in Idaho. It's run with a modern, computerized system and takes very little manpower. We house prisoners for the state and for Gem, Elmore, Canyon and Ada counties. We actually make a profit of about \$200,000 a year doing that so our cost of operating the jail is very low – we've got it down now to about \$15 per day per inmate.

AVALANCHE: Looking to the future, what are some of the trends you see in Owyhee County crime?

SHERIFF: We're seeing more technically advanced stuff when it comes to sexual crime, computer crimes involving sexual abuse. I think that will continue to grow. We're becoming more and more a playground for Canyon, Ada and Elmore counties, getting hundreds and hundreds of people out here on the weekend. That leads to search-andrescues, thefts, burglaries, injuries. We're going to see more and more of that. It's going to get crazy out here. There's been a big increase in the last year and

AVALANCHE: What do all those people come out here to do?

SHERIFF: Recreate. ATVs. Snowmobiles. Motorcycles. Cross-country skiing. River rafting. The BLM is pushing multiple use and they're really pushing river rafting on the Bruneau and Owyhee rivers and that is getting to be a gigantic headache for us. When somebody gets hurt down there – the last guy we had to get a military helicopter to go down

> there and pluck him off the river because he was sick. It gets very expensive.

AVALANCHE: If you had more money, where would you spend it?

SHERIFF: Drug enforcement and training.

AVALANCHE: If this term limits thing isn't handled by the legislature and the governor, this is your last term. What do you plan to do?

SHERIFF: For selfpreservation, I've got to run as a write-in. I have to try it. I know I have the support out there. It's just that it's hard to get people to write a name in a box. I've got eight more years before I can retire and I've got to try it. I don't want to lose my career.

AVALANCHE: That's the problem with term limits, certainly at the county level.

SHERIFF: Yes, the problem is that you're not going to get people dedicated to the job if they know in four to eight years they're gone. it. You're going to get people who don't have any

experience. In my six years the Sheriff's Department has got a lot more professional, the equipment has got better, the pay has got better, the training has increased. It would be a shame to see all that go down the drain because of term limits.



county line is and they The Sheriff's office is full of mementos, including You're just not going to get reminders of the Claude Dallas case.

# Trojans take over Pirates

The Homedale Trojan ladies used a powerful fourth quarter drive to ensure a total victory over the Payette Pirates on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in a nonconference game.

Despite a low-scoring start which ended the first quarter with three points for Homedale and one for Payette, the Trojans turned it on in the second quarter to get 12 points against Payette's six to end the first half 15-7 in favor of the Trojans. Payette attempted to rally with six points over Homedale's two in the third quarter. The Trojans cinched the game in the fourth quarter as they tallied 17 points and held Payette to just one point.

Tana Krall and Tristan Uria were strong scorers, both getting seven points for the Trojans. Taci Morris tallied eight during the evening.

For Payette, Erica Puz tallied five points.

The drive

Marsing's Adam Agneros

drives the ball

down the court

at their match

against

McCall.

"We played horrible for three quarters...in the fourth quarter they played hard and tough and really started attacking the basket," Homedale Trojan coach Mark Weekes said.

The Homedale ladies finished their home games last Friday taking on McCall.

# NP Pilgrims put down Marsing Huskies

The New Plymouth Pilgrims found themselves hosting a Marsing Huskies team hungry for victory in their 2A Conference girls basketball match last Thursday, Jan. 24. The Pilgrims pulled off a hard fought 43-37 victory over the Huskies at the match.

The New Plymouth team shined during the first quarter getting 14 points to Marsing's seven. The Huskies did fight back to end the first half 25-16, favoring the Pilgrims. Marsing Coach Don Heller said the Huskies had 14 turnovers in the first half and they came back refocused in the second half and got the number down to just seven turnovers.

The Huskies fought the aggressive defensive force of the Pilgrims to match them in the third quarter when both teams tallied 10 points. The lady Huskies scored 11 points in the fourth quarter and kept the Pilgrims to eight to end the game 43-37 favoring New Plymouth.

Heller said the team played very well and came back in the second half and turned on the intensity and created a good game.

Amie Vanek was the high scorer for the Huskies with 15 points. Amanda Stewart contributed 13 points and nine rebounds. Brandi Chadez shined with five steals and four assists.

On the Pilgrim side, Nicole Mclesse had 13 for New Plymouth and Teri Cisler tallied 11.

# Correction

In the Jan. 2, 2002 edition of the Owyhee Avalanche, Tana Krall was mistakenly named as the Homedale Trojan shooting a basket during a girls basketball game against the Glenns Ferry Wildcats. The athlete was Tristan Uria. We apologize for the mistake.



# Making the pass

Rimrock's Miren Miller does an overhand pass to a team mate during the match against Greenleaf.

# **Rimrock Raiders** overpower Grizzlies

The Greenleaf Grizzlies were no match against the invasion of the Rimrock Raiders in their 1A conference game last Thursday, Jan. 24. The Rimrock ladies demolished the Grizzlies with a 62-17 victory as they completed an undefeated conference

The Raiders wasted no time racking up the baskets. In the first quarter they scored 19 points to the Grizzlies' seven. Rimrock finished the first half with 34 points against the Grizzlies' 11.

Natalie Smith, the Grizzlies' lone senior hit a three-pointer during the game on her only basket of the night. Katie Roberts had three points and nine rebounds.

Michelle Hipwell once again was a dominant force for the Raiders. She tallied 19 points including four three-pointers, nine assists and five steals.

Adrea Thomas added 14 points and eight rebounds. Brandi Robertson tallied nine points and 11 rebounds.

Now that the Rimrock ladies have finished their season, Rimrock coach Bob Delle said the girls are looking forward to the state conference and the opportunity to win the title.

# Vandals steal victory against Huskies

After a big first quarter the McCall Vandals defeated the Marsing Huskies 49-35 in their match last Saturday, Jan. 26.

The Vandals jumped ahead despite a hard defensive fight by the Huskies and took a 20-7 lead in the first quarter. With a large amount of turnovers by the Huskies in the first half, the first half closed with the score being 33-17 in favor of McCall.

John Fromm tallied 13 points and nine rebounds for the Huskies during play and Will Caldwell added his four points and nine boards.

Daniel Wallace had 11 points for McCall.

"We dug ourselves into a hole with turnovers," Huskies Coach Willie Taylor said, adding that the team also had trouble with fouls and McCall sunk a lot of their foul shots. "The guys are playing hard, they're doing good. We just kind of go nuts on the turnover part, then we settle back down. We're just not able to make up the deficit."

Tonight the Marsing Huskies take on Nampa Christian at Marsing. On Friday Marsing takes on Homedale in Marsing.



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# Trojans turn on the juice against NC

The Nampa Christian Trojans put on a hard fight in the second half, but it still wasn't enough to beat the Homedale Trojans. Homedale triumphed in a 2A Conference game last Thursday, Jan. 24, winning 59-50.

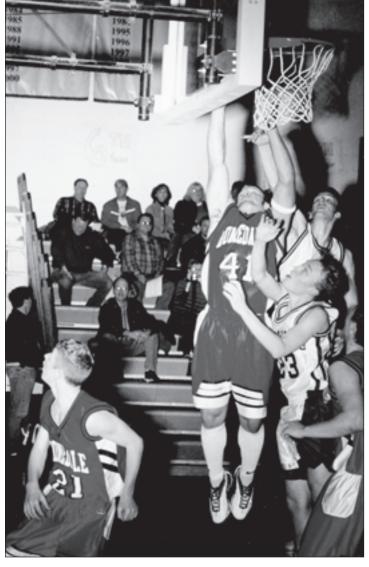
Homedale started off strong with 18 points in the first quarter against Nampa Christian's 10. They kept up the heat to end the first half with a lead of 32 to 24, favoring Homedale. But Nampa Christian fought hard in the second half. The third quarter ended with a close game at 43-40 favoring the Homedale Trojans.

"We played really well. We jumped to about a 12-point lead," Homedale Trojan coach Randy Potter said. "Nampa Christian fought back and turned it into a ball game."

The Homedale high scorer was Spencer Batt with 18 points. Potter called Cole Cooper the player of the game with 11 points. Potter said Cooper played his best overall game of the year with strong shots and rebounds.

Matt Richardson and Drew Howard tallied 15 points apiece for Nampa Christian.

The Homedale Trojans take on McCall tonight at home.



Jumping for the shot

Homedale's Cole Cooper takes a shot during the match against Nampa Christian. Photo by William Bruce.

# Rimrock ladies fight for close victory over Glenns Ferry

The Rimrock Raiders faced a hard battle but took a victory over the Glenns Ferry Pilots last Monday, Jan. 21, in a non-conference game.

The Pilots held back the Rimrock offense and remained on top in the scoring until the fourth quarter where the Raiders poured on the offense. During the first quarter, Glenns Ferry tallied 16 points while holding the Raiders to 11. The low scoring second quarter brought the first half to a score of 23-15 in favor of the Pilots.

The Raiders rallied during the second half, turning the tables on the Glenns Ferry ladies. The third quarter was a tight match of 35 – 33 still favoring the Pilots, but during the fourth quarter, the Raiders tallied 16 points and kept the Pilots to just eight points and it was enough for a 49-43 victory for the Raiders.

Adrea Thomas, a 6-foot sophomore guard pumped up the Raiders with her 14 points and 12 rebounds. She wasn't the only player with a double-double night either. Brandi Robertson came on strong at the hoop with 10 points and 15 rebounds.

The Glenns Ferry Pilots were led by a strong performance by Amy Walker who scored the game-high 22 points.

"I think there were a couple issues," Rimrock Coach Bob Delle said of the game. "Some of the competition we had has not been real challenging and I'm not sure the girls were ready to play at the intensity they needed to."

He said they did run into foul trouble which benched some of their highest scorers, but he was proud of the teams which stepped up to pull out a victory in the fourth quarter.

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# Oreana rancher makes profitable new use of land

"Environmentalists have aided in the success of sporting clays"

by Cheryl Peterson

With more and more private property being locked up due to extremists and environmentalists, an Oreana rancher could see the need, and profitability, in opening a gun range and offering his land to hunting, for a price.

Oreana rancher Jay Cox owns approximately 2,200 deeded acres of prime pheasant, quail, and chukar ground and recently put it to a little more profitable use along with his farming. He opened Castle Creek Hunting Club and Sporting Clays.

Cox's partner Curt Clark operates the hunting club portion of the business and fills in as clay thrower in his spare time, while Cox operates the sporting clay section of the business.

Saturday, Jan. 12, was a beautiful day for a clay shoot and several famous names in the sporting clays world arrived to take advantage of the scenery in Oreana and the natural atmosphere of Castle Creek Hunting Club. Mike Barbero, Idaho Delegate for Sporting Clays, along with John Huddelston from Meridian, a four-time state sporting clays champion were taking their third trip through the stations.

"The atmosphere of this place is wonderful," Barbero said. "The scenery is breathtaking and the challenge changes from week to week."

Cox opened the sporting clays end of the business in late December and said business has consistently begun to rise

"It is funny to think that the effects of what the environmentalists are doing to the ranchers would push the ranchers to use their private land for profit," Cox said. "I was one of the first ones to lock up my gates so the extremists could not go on my private property. I think people want a place where they can shoot, hunt and feel at ease that they are not trespassing. I think that is one reason sporting clays has turned into such a profitable business."

Cox still cattle ranches, but has now turned some of his property into profit during the off-seasons. Clay shooting enthusiasts can shoot year-round, but the spring and summer shooters will seek out clay pigeons among fields of hay, tall grass and brush. In the late summer and through the winter months, hunters can follow their favorite birds through a wooded creek on the property or in cut hay and



# **PULL!**

A sporting clay shooter takes aim at dual clay targets as Curt Clark releases them. Sportsmen can shoot at 12 stations on the grounds each with a different style of shooting range.

cornfields.

The club is located 55 minutes from Boise, 45 minutes from Homedale and nearly 20 minutes from the Grand View area. Sixteen hundred acres of grass, sage brush, alfalfa and grain fields offer birds plenty of cover for exciting hunts.

"We buy our birds so we can hunt the majority of the year," Cox explained walking over a wooden bridge above a year-round running creek. "We are just beginning and add new items to the clay shoots every week."

The uniqueness of Castle Creek is that each station is changed every week

so a return trip to the area will offer a new challenge.

Annual or lifetime memberships are available as well as a hunt lodge for the out-of-town shooter. The lodge is complete with a hunting atmosphere, three bedrooms, a kitchen and a large fireplace in the living room. Two to four day hunts are available with a lodge reservation and can include three meals per day.

Clay shooting is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. until just before dark, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday by reservation.

To reserve a hunt or sporting clay shoot, call Cox or Clark at 377-8946.



Back to nature...

The grounds come complete with a beaver dam on a year-round-running creek.



## **Hunting comfort...**

A fireplace helps to warm the lodge, which can accommodate up to six hunters. Hunters may enjoy the comfort of a three-bedroom lodge, which can be reserved for a two-, three- or four-day hunt.

# HHS announces second quarter honor roll students

Homedale High School honor roll students for the second quarter of the 2001-02 school year have been announced. The honor roll students for grade twelve are: 4.0; Rebecca Ann Holloway, Kassi Ruff and Derek Lee Vance.

3.0 to 3.99; Damien George Alambra, Choong Sil Kim, Jamie Lynn Phelps, Michael Robert Eby, Tristan Sumner Galloway, Kellen W. Morris, Sara Dawn Reed, Annie Elizabeth Roeser, Jason Nash Bideganeta, Kaija Elina Heinijoki, Quinn Tyler Bingham, Becky Lynn Butler, Taylor Landa, Chauncey Dale Butler, Travis E. Parrill, Jannelle Jean Williams, Lori Lynn Nettleton, Christina Ann Foster, Miren Aintzane Lejardi, Justin Lloyd Ewing, Josue Allen Schwarz, Kimberly Ann Ingersoll, Crystal Lynn Knerr, Anthony DeAugustineo, Raymond Brian Padilla, Shasta M. Perkins, Brian William Salisbury, Michael Ramon Vega, Jacob Daniel Ferguson, Brian Cook, Sheree Hope Kesler, Julie Ann Love, James Michael Nauman and Kevin

Grade eleven honor roll: 4.0; Spencer Batt, Mark Anthony George, Brandon J. Hathhorn, Kelsi Dawn Haylett, Taci Jolee Morris, Christine Tiddens and Elizabeth Marie Villanueva.

3.0 to 3.99; Erica Ann Miyasako, Kelly Roberts, Ashley Elizabeth Williams, Jose Guadalupe Aguilera, Carolyn Lucile Kaufman, Nikita R. Lang, Kasey Dawn Bruce, Eric Phillip Rangel, Jennifer Eileene Silveria, Kaely Rae Abbott, Michele Gibbens, B.J. William Aaron Robinson, Tristen D. Uria, Kaleb Hotchkiss, Cody Garrett, Alysa DeAnn Gluch, Amaia Belen Larzelier, Vanessa Lootens, Leslie Marston, Danielle Mashburn, Tyler J. McRae, Halie R. Reed, Alicia Nicole Asbury, Drew M. Williams, Michael Shenk, Megan Rochelle Dibben, Mandi Jo Dunn, Juan Garcia, Sean M. Perkins, Anthony Anderson, Sandy Garcia, Lee McBride, Caleb P. Morgan, Kade Skeen and Jamie

Grade ten honor roll: 4.0; Benjamin William Chadez, Michelle Ann Eby, Anthony R. Haskett, Amie Lynn Holloway, K. C. Miyasako, Matt Nauman and Miguel Angel Sanchez.

3.0 to 3.99; Gustavo Elias, Yasone Maite Lejardi, Maria Guadalupe Sanchez, Kimberly Michele Ambeau, Melissa Miyasako, Kim Michelle Price, Mark Mashburn, Caitlin A. Parker, Karianne May VanDerhoff, Jason Thomas Hathhorn, Maria Liset Lomeli, Daniel M. Miller, Antonio Perez, Osnedia Rosio Sotelo, Dennis John Demshar, Christine Marie Truesdell, Kassie Johnson, Kerie Kushlan, Star Phelps, Andrea Holly Ryan, Joshua Lee Brown, Clay Russell Haylett, Jeffry Lindbloom (Dockins), Alicia Mackenzie, Antonio Sotelo, Brandon Jerry Zatica, Nickolas James Antonucci, Marguerit Elizabeth Doescher, Jose Alfredo Higuera, Toni Jo Martinat, Andrea Morris, Zackery Pearson, Cory David Gervais, Katie Johnson, Arbor Frost, Carmen Maria Jimenez and Sumr Lee Pruett.

Nineth grade honor roll 4.0; Marcus Eby, Luis Miguel Escutia, Stephanie Larzelier and Lacey Dawn VanderBoegh.

3.0 to 3.9; Shannon Cegnar Batt, Maria Beltran, Blair Davison, T.J. Myers, Angelica Robles, Kimberly Joy Silveria, Christina Julia Cook, Nick B. Williams, Melissa Michelle Armstrong, Adam Nickolas Bahem, Alicia Monrreal, Kristine Patricia Richmond, Brandon Collins, Jannette Marie Aguilera, Sara Cook, Trent McRae, Jacob Lee Simmons, Rochelle Anne Antonucci, Lupita Alvarez, Brady Eugene Black, James Eidemiller, Adrian Javier Ferrer, Adam Frost, Esmeralda Gonzalez, Jessy Hirsbrunner, Richard Lauson, Rebecca Lopez, Humberto Machuca, Robert Butler, Drew Duryee, Erik Garcia, Jolene Kae Maxwell, Antonia Vasquez-Aguilera, Crystal Boatman, Jaimee Hotchkiss, Randalee Skeen and William Waters.



JIM BISH -- Is that you trying to hide from another birthday?

# Owyhee Watershed Council gets county recognition

The Owyhee County Watershed Council, a group formed of state agency representatives, farmers, ranchers, recreationists and other parties with the goal of collaborative solutions to concerns in the Owyhee River basin, recently got an official boast from the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners.

The council had approached the commissioners in recent meetings asking if Owyhee County commissioners would like to be a part of the council, which would include the commissioners' approval of those who want to become members of the council. There is no fee to be a part of the council, just the time involved in going to the meetings. The commissioners recently signaled their approval to the council and said they would like to participate.

The board of commissioners sent a letter to Owyhee Watershed Council Chairman Carl Lee Hill on December 24, 2001 expressing their approval of participating in the council process.

"We believe that a cooperative working relationship of this type is essential to the sustainment of responsible stewardship that will continue to provide both the viable rural economy that is essential to the livelihood of our counties and the functioning watersheds that we all support," the letter signed by commissioners Chris Salove and Dick Reynolds said. The letter also indicated approval of the current members on the Owyhee Watershed Council.

The goals of the group include collaboration in communicating accurate and factual watershed information, ensuring a watershed that captures, stores and releases good quality waters, funding and support for projects that address watershed needs, protection of public and private rights, and a sound economy based on local culture, customs and values of the communities.

Owyhee Watershed Council Coordinator Jennifer Fenwick said the council has a strong focus on local interests and helping resolve environmental in a collaborative fashion, educating folks outside of the local area about positive projects going on in the basin and making sure agency data reflects what ranchers and farmers are seeing on the ground. She said that it is important that people who want to join the council come with a view of collaboration and working together with the other members.

"It's real important that we

have people on that council who are willing to work with other people," Fenwick said. "We have no intention of bringing people like that, like (John) Marvel, who want all the cows off the range."

Fenwick said until last year there was a Malheur-Owyhee Watershed Council, but the focus was all on the Malheur River Basin in Oregon, and there was a desire to be more inclusive of the Owyhee Watershed, so a group was formed focused on the area.

"The Owyhee really had no representative on that council and they weren't getting a lot of projects done in this area. There wasn't a lot of focus in the Owyhee," said as she explained the development of the council.

The council's formation was brought about by a grant received by the Malheur County Soil and Water Districts in Oregon. The grant's purpose was to explore whether parties in the Owyhee River Basin wanted to have its own watershed council to help solve environmental issues and develop education about the water basin in a collaborative

"We had several people that straddle that Oregon, Idaho border, some of the ranchers there. We wanted them to be involved," Fenwick said. "With the watershed so much in Idaho and Nevada and Oregon, we thought if we're really going to talk about the watershed we probably should have all parties."

She said that the group will also help local interests have a more powerful voice in resolving concerns and more access to grant funds to help produce positive projects in the

"We've found that when ranchers and these guys have problems and they try to get some help or attention on it, them screaming sometimes doesn't get heard, whereas if you have a group of people screaming together, usually we get heard pretty quickly." Fenwick said.

The Owyhee Watershed Council covers over 7 million acres of land. It encompasses Elko County, Malheur County and Owyhee County. The area is being served includes such towns as Marsing, Silver City, Adrian and Jordan Valley.

The Owyhee Watershed Council has approximately 40 members and meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Owyhee County Extension office in Marsing. For more information contact Jennifer Fenwick at (541) 889-2588 ext.

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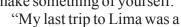
# High ceilings

Brace yourself. Here comes an inspirational story.

Curt Hawkins, Manager of the Caldwell Industrial Airport, has flown every type of airplane all over the world. In 1978, he was flying commercial DC-8s out of Los Angeles and San Francisco into Lima, Peru. Curt always stayed over at the Crillon Hotel in Lima and, being the spit-and-polish type, he struck up on ongoing friendship with the Crillon's shoeshine boy that lasted throughout the many months he flew the Peruvian route. The shoeshine boy's name was Alejandro something. Curt wouldn't learn his last name for another 23 years.

"Alejandro would work on my shoes for 45 minutes. He did a fantastic job. And he was smart. I'd talk with him four, five, six times a day

and he had a great sense of humor, was very well spoken and he met people very well. I always told him, 'Alejandro, you have too much ability to be a shoeshine boy. If you take your chances when they come along you can get out of being a shoeshine boy and make something of yourself.'



rather sad one. I told Alejandro, 'I'm going to start flying 747s from Los Angeles to Hong Kong and I'll probably never return to Peru and never see you again. Not in this life. But if I do, I don't want to ever see you as a shoeshine boy again."

As predicted, Curt never returned to Peru and

never saw or talked to Alejandro again. Twenty-three years passed. In April of 2001, while surfing the new-fangled Internet, Curt came across a news announcement that stunned him. There was a photograph of his long-lost friend accompanied by the headline, 'Alejandro Toledo, front-running Peruvian presidential candidate, waves to supporters.' The story went on to say that Alejandro was a former shoeshine boy and was known as a fiery orator. In July, Curt learned that Alejandro had won the election and was now the new President of Peru.

That's a true story. If you don't believe me, you can call Curt Hawkins at the Caldwell Industrial Airport and ask him. He plans to see President Toledo when he can arrange it.

Robert Boatman may be reached at The Owyhee Avalanche or directly via email at interboat@aol.com

# **Editor's notebook**

Joe Aman

# The right thing

Our own state senator Robbi King-Barrutia has once again been arrested on a DUI charge. This is her second while serving in the Idaho State Legislature, first as a representative, now as a senator.

We call for the resignation of Ms. King-Barrutia. Today. Now.

We have nothing against a nip of the spirits now and then, but it's one thing to have a drink or two, and it's another thing to get behind the wheel – especially while in Boise on state business.

Her credibility is gone, her public trust is shattered, and her judgement is in question — particularly since she has publicly acknowledged she is an alcoholic and needs help.

For this admission we commend her. And we support her in this effort to get help. We sincerely wish Robbi the best in conquering this problem.

In the meantime, she cannot effectively manage the people's business, and must offer her resignation. It's the right thing to do.

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# Mangy felines

The recent resignation of State Fish and Game Director Rod Sando brought cries that he wasn't allowed to run the department the way he wanted. One television "news" reported that sportsmen statewide were upset by his resignation. Well, that's not entirely so. I'm one sportsman who is pleased that he resigned.

At issue — among other topics, no doubt — is an alleged clash with the Idaho Cattle Association over the F&G's decision to seek prosecution of a rancher who shot three cougars threatening his cattle.

Having been raised the earlier years of my life on a ranch in a rather remote part of this county and having traveled extensively throughout the Owyhees for decades, I believe I have been around these cats far more than your average Idaho citizen. I don't see them as a magnificent beast, gracefully perched on a granite rock with beautiful hews of fall's colors surrounding his clean, self-groomed coat glistening in the sunrise (or sunset, whichever one depicts).

He's a mean, scroungy predator who smells like a month-old litter box, and will attack anything he thinks he can conquer. But when challenged, he high-tails it away like the coward he is.

Whether it be a deer (he needs at least one a week), elk, calf, chicken, your pet cat or dog, or a human, he will attack

if he thinks he can do so without a serious challenge. A friend was jumped by a cougar several years ago. And recently a man was attacked near Juniper Mountain.

Superior to the laws of the state is the State Constitution, which guarantees me the inalienable right of protecting my property and securing safety.

Any cougar seen on my place would be considered a threat to my livestock, pets, and/or family, and would be shot on sight.

# Scientific mathematics

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case on whether census-takers may substitute statistics for the actual nose counts as is required by the Constitution, according to an article in the Washington Times last week.

It seems a federal court in North Carolina has decided that the Constitution's "actual enumeration" requirement doesn't mean "actual" nor "enumeration", but means it can take a head count of occupants of some houses and multiply that figure by the number of homes which had not been counted.

Such scientific mathematics reminds me of an

incident which took place when I lived in Valley County over a quarter century ago.

The local state senator, a Mr. Woody Bean, had challenged the big game count the State Fish and Game had just completed. The senator — and about everyone else in the county—believed the department had come up with some horrendously high numbers for deer in the East Mountain drainage.

He demanded to know how the count was conducted. The public meeting went something like this:

"Well, Senator, we conduced a very scientific survey to arrive at these numbers. We flew low over one draw and counted 43 deer running out.

"Then we multiplied the 43 deer in that draw by the number of draws in the East Mountain drainage."

# **Quoteable quote**

Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction.

—Ronald Reagan

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# On the edge of common sense

Baxter Black, DVM

# The taxidermy heifer

As the only local cow vet, Steve had calved a lot of

And as such was most reluctant to keep score 'Cause no matter how he tried and tried, he couldn't save them all

So on the side he opened up a taxidermy store.

"Stuff yer heifer," was his motto, it was on his business cards.

And the message he recorded on the phone Said, "If I can't save her, you can! As a conversation

Have her mounted or just standing there alone."

He stuffed them in positions that he thought might catch the eye

One leg upraised her milking on a tire Or rearing up like Trigger, or with X's on her eyes

There were action poses in the stance of how she last appeared

> Like on her back, a huge midline incision

Or standing with the calf half out, a breech, the hind legs showing

That looked like some real bad rear end collision.

Or head down in the charging mode, about to mow you down, The water bag a timeless

counterweight. Or half a mount, just the backside, with your OB

chains protruding As you last saw her going out the gate.

His taxidermal specialty was a big C-Section scar The perfect touch to make the scene complete

Surrounded by a priest and candles waiting to Like his come-along calfpuller with a bow in the pipe Or glassy eyed, a log chain 'round her feet.

> The market for his HEIFERS-IN-DISTRESS grew leaps and bounds,

> His cuddly cows kept flying out the doors. People put them on the mantle, people placed them

Like pink flamingos grazing on all fours.

Until, alas, some thought they saw conflict going on 'tween his clinic and his taxidermy shop.

"These charges pain me deeply," he told his vet technician,

"My reputations's always been the top.

"What makes them think I'd compromise my veterinary work

To make a little money on the side?"

"Well, they might be misinterpreting your heifer calving price," she said.

"Not many charge five dollars and the hide."

# **Summary Judgement**

# Is Clinton's Justice Department entering its tenth year?

by William Perry Pendley, president MOUNTAIN STATES LEGAL FOUNDATION

On November 30, Thomas L. Sansonetti was confirmed as Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ). Thus Sansonetti becomes Bush's lead lawyer for federal land issue affecting the third of the nation owned by the U.S. and environmental issues affecting rural Americans—those in the red tide of counties from coast to coast that voted for Bush. As Sansonetti began work, eight months after his nomination, his division and others at DOJ were ending what some observers viewed, not as the Bush Administration's first year, but as the Clinton Administration's ninth.

This is surprising given, not only Bush-Cheney campaign rhetoric regarding failings in the Clinton-Gore years, but also bipartisan criticism that the Clinton Administration abused the rule of law. Carter's Attorney General, Griffin B. Bell, for example, wrote, "[O]ur constitutional system is in disarray. The rule of law is severely damaged. The Department of Justice is no longer a neutral zone in the government." Constitutional scholar Roger Pilon, in The Rule of Law in the Wake of Clinton, noted Clinton "ignored both constitutional limits on government power and constitutional guarantees of individual libertyÖ variously launched, encouraged, or joined assaults on centuries-old common law principles while abandoning prudence in the application of statutesÖ [and] politicized the institutions of justiceÖ." The late Barbara Olson, in her best selling, The Final Days, documented Clinton's greatest abuses: his refusal to obey a landmark Supreme Court civil rights ruling and his federal land decrees. The question is, if Clinton and his officials were so lawless, why are Bush lawyers defending them?



For example, Bush lawyers argued that Clinton had unfettered discretion to designate monuments and that courts may not review his decrees. Bush lawyers defended: Clinton's closure of sixty million acres of national forest, Clinton officials who conspired to kill a mining operation, and Clinton's EPA Administrator who destroyed court-ordered documents. Bush lawyers also defended Clinton's closure of a million acres of oil and gas lands and then, when the case was appealed to the Supreme Court, urged the Court not to hear it. That opposition was filed, even though one Bush appointee called the decision "a disaster," both for federal land law and for Bush's energy policy.

There are three reasons for these pleadings. First, the enduring bureaucratic view in the DOJ is that the U.S. should never confess error, never surrender, and never lose a case. Not only will DOJ lawyers do almost anything to prevail, they will seek to dismiss a case on procedural grounds, even if the citizen suing is right on the merits! Second, at his barbaric confirmation hearing, Attorney General Ashcroft was forced to promise to enforce all laws, even if of questionable constitutionality. This unprecedented promise has been aggravated by Ashcroft's overly cautious, but understandable, refusal to exercise the supervisory discretion given every Attorney General. Third, after September 11, Ashcroft's first job is preventing terrorist acts and investigating and prosecuting crimes of terrorism; all else is secondary.

As a result, in a challenge to racial preferences, Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Mineta, Bush lawyers continued the procedural slight-of-hand of Clinton lawyers to prevent a Supreme Court ruling; it worked; on November 27, the Court dismissed the twelve-year old case. To force racial gerrymandering on Montana's Blaine County, Clinton lawyers sued, litigation pressed by Bush lawyers. Then, the day the Supreme Court dismissed Adarand, Bush lawyers sued Colorado's Alamosa County to force gerrymandering by race. Clinton must be pleased!

Some are not pleased. The Congressional Western Caucus recently met at the White House to express disappointment over Bush's failure to reverse Clinton's "War on the West." Realizing that Bush is fighting a war on western civilization, the Members remained disturbed that policy changes have not occurred, either in the field or in the courtroom. If such changes come, they may appear first in pleadings bearing the signature of Thomas L. Sansonetti.

# Letter

# Senator should resign

Senator Robbi King-Barrutia should resign. I am hoping by the time this newspaper is printed she has already decided to step down from the Senate.

Her behavior has been out of control and embarrassing not only to her gender but also to her constituents. Her "leadership" has been chemically impaired. Our Senator's continued driving is a threat to us all.

Her open drunkenness at a recent Mountain Home Chamber meeting is still "the talk of the town." Her public bragging of getting rid of the Director of Fish and Game before Mr. Sando's resignation only adds more smut to that sad story.

I encourage all the "silent majority" of Owyhee County to call for the resignation of Mrs. Barrutia. By calling 332-1000 and requesting this message be sent to the Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes. Our numbers will be heard.

I will be looking forward to your next week's paper in anticipation of who will be trying to "fix" Ms. Barrutia's citation. Shame on you, Robbi.

> Marsha Sellers Mtn. Home, Idaho



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# Commentary

# Legislative report

# Senator Robbi King-Barrutia

This week started on a high note and ended on a low one. I welcomed the news that the Idaho Fish and Game Director Rod Sando turned in his resignation. Sando's handling of the Bud Corpus situation was appalling. The department must use some common sense in dealing with ranchers attempting to protect livestock. There certainly was not any here.

Director Sando failed to be a consensus builder in his two years on the job. Another top Fish and Game official also appears to be on the way out. Nancy Hadley's reappointment to the Fish and Game Commission is up for



a vote in the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee this week. I am told the votes are running two to one against her reconfirmation. This agency has a long way to go before it gains back the public trust and the support of the Legislature.

The term limits bill now comes before the Idaho Senate. The House voted 50 to 20 last week in favor of repealing all term limits in the state. This would impact every elected official from your local county clerk and sheriff to the Governor. The Senate State Affairs Committee, of which I am a member, will conduct a

public hearing on the bill Monday. Please keep your input coming in this important matter.

Now for the low point of the week, month and year. I was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol on my way home Wednesday night. I want to deeply apologize to my family and constituents for my actions. After a lot of soul-searching I have finally admitted to myself that I have a problem and need help. I have sought treatment through the first step program and will be attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. My thanks to the people who called and offered their kind words of support in this difficult time.

I feel I am at a crossroads in my legislative career and need to hear from you. I have been proud and honored to serve the people of Elmore and Owyhee counties these past nine years. There is some legislation that I started this session that I want to see through, but beyond that I believe it's your call. Please call me with your thoughts at 332-1347 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:rbarrutia@senate.state.id.us">rbarrutia@senate.state.id.us</a>. As always it is my pleasure to serve you.



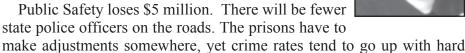
### Representative Sher Sellman

This past week, I felt the pain of dental work—both literally and figuratively. I had a broken filling and the dentist threatened me with a root canal.

With our legislative work, I felt the aches and pains of our state agencies. Our economy is grinding down, and we are feeling it. Because of lower revenue coming in, due to tax cuts and reduced income in the state, we are unable to fill many empty areas. State agencies cannot afford to replace employees who have retired. Some agencies must even let competent, needed employees go. This is especially hard for our institutions of higher

learning as their enrollments go up. When people are laid off, many go back to school to acquire new job skills. Yet, we are sending less money to our community colleges and universities.

Health and Welfare, working with \$11 million less for 2002, has the extra burden of helping the jobless. The unemployment rate in Idaho is up to 5.5% compared to 4.8% at this time last year. It is expected to go up until the agricultural season starts.†



economic times.

The list goes on and on. We must cut \$55 million from a \$2 billion

budget. It will be painful. We are trying not to traumatize state government. We do not want to lose needed state services essential to an environment poised for a rebounding economy.

Governor Kempthorne has vowed to protect the substance abuse programs and Drug Courts from large cuts. These programs are successful in diverting individuals from further arrests and incarceration, so I whole-heartedly agree with the Governor's protection of these programs, plus maintaining the Veteran's budget and public education K-12.

Our dedicated state employees are applying some antiseptic to the State's pain. They are working hard to bridge the gaping holes. Several Health and Welfare folks in District 20 have told me how they are redistributing the larger work load and trying not to cut out client services. Prison Warden Beauclair has testified about his plans to keep us safe from criminals, even with a reduced staff. Schools are doing their best in their creative cuts in supplies and energy consumption without neglecting our children.

Agency directors and school leaders tell us they can survive this budget holdback. But in 2003, if the economy does not turn around, we must start thinking about solutions. From where shall we find the money for these programs that are vital to our economy and welfare?

Please send me your ideas at 332-1000, e-mail me at ssellman@house.state.id.us or write to me at P.O. Box 83720, Boise 83720-0038.

# **School menu**

February 4 – Feb.8, 2002

## **Homedale Elementary**

Monday: Ham and cheese yum yum or weiner wrap, green beans, mixed fruit, Rice Krispie treat and choice of milk.

Tuesday: Chicken patty/bun or rib-b-que/bun, potato wedges, orange wedges, spice cake and choice of milk.

Wednesday: Beef or chicken taco, lettuce, cheese and tomatoes, corn, pears and choice of milk.

Thursday: Nachos and cheese or burrito, fresh veggies, apple, no bake cookie and choice of milk.

Friday: No school.

# Homedale Middle

Monday: Haystack, roll, veggie sticks and fruit or salad bar and choice

of milk.

Tuesday: Fish nuggets or corn dog, rice, vegetable and fruit or salad bar 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: No school.

### 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: No school.

# **Marsing School District**

Monday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit variety, corn, variety milk, Asian nuggets 4-12, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

Tuesday: Chicken patty on a bun, garden variety vegetables, fruit variety, variety milk, tostada delight, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

Wednesday: Golden fish sticks, baked potato wedges, strawberries and bananas, garden vegetables, variety milk, all American Hamburger, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

Thursday: Idaho haystacks, fruited jello, fresh vegetable sticks, variety milk, filet-o-fish sandwich, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

Friday: Corn dog, fruit variety, garden vegetables, brownies, variety milk, chicken patty on a bun, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

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Dated January 25, 2002 JIMMY D. ROSS, P.E. Chief Engineer 1/30, 2/6/02

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In the Matter of the Estate

RAY E. PERSHALL, Deceased.

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On Wednesday, the 8th day of May, 2002, at the hour of 10:45, o'clock a.m. of said day (recognized local time), at Owyhee County Courthouse located at Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Michael L. Schindele, 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 the sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows,

LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 6 OF THE AMENDED PLAT OF TOWNSITE OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, ACCORDING IDAHO, TO THÉ OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF

FILED AUGUST 9, 11911 AS NO. 7284 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the abovereferenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 211 W. 6th N., Homedale, ID 83628 may sometimes be associated with said real property.

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

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note dated September 25, 2000, the monthly payments for principal, interest and impounds of \$603.14, for the month(s) of March 5, 2001, through the current month and year, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement with all accrued interest, late charges and expenses. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$55,692.81, plus accruing interest. All delinquent payments are now due. together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid accruing taxes. assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED this 8th day of

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### PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING AND **ZONING** COMMISSION

On February 21, 2002 in the Commissioners' Annex on Basey Street in Murphy, Idaho, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will begin its regular meeting at 7 PM. After dispensing with old business, the Commission will take public comment on the following matter:

ED YARBROUGH -Applicant has filed an application for a Conditional Permit requesting permission to split a fifteen acre parcel into 3 five acre lots. There is an existing residence on the property which would occupy one of the lots, and applicant is requesting residential use on the two additional lots. Subject parcel is located northwest of Murphy on Highway 78, in Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

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# Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY
BOARD OF
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MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, JANUARY
07, 2002
COMMISSIONERS'
ANNEX, MURPHY,
IDAHO
BEGINNING AT
10:00 AM

Present at the meeting were Commissioner Hal Tolmie, Commissioner Dick Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Salove, Clerk Cynthia Eaton, Sheriff Gary Aman, Jim Desmond, Treasurer Barbara Wright, Larry McDaniel, Robert Boatman, Fred Grant, Kay Kelly-Breach, Steve Jensen, Shelly Frisbie and Ron Race.

The Board approved the purchase of a commercial vacuum cleaner for approximately \$495 for the Detention Center.

At 10:00 am, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The Board moved out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session with no decision.

Quarterly Reports were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed and approved payment of the Bills.

The Clerk presented the Minutes of December 17 and 24, which were reviewed and approved by the Board. The Board also reviewed and approved the Road and Street Financial Report. The Board reviewed the costs of obtaining a replacement for the refrigerator in the Commissioners' Annex. The Board approved the purchase of the 4 cubic feet model for approximately \$180. The Board further approved the purchase of a microwave for use in the Annex.

The Board reviewed the revised position description for the extension secretary. The Board approved having the revised position reviewed by BDPA, Inc. Once the review is complete the Board will make a determination on any changes. The Board also reviewed the extension request for grant maintenance support. The Board approved \$7,500 from the general fund to help maintain the grants for the extension services.

The Board received a letter from former Ida-Ore stating that the name of the organization is now Sage Community Resources including a copy of an upcoming agenda.

INDIGENTAND CHARITY:

INDIGENTAND CHARITY: The Board reviewed Case 01-12 and several pieces of information are still required and the matter is referred for consultation with a letter requesting the additional information authorized. Hearing Case 01-21 application includes the hospital, six other providers and the treatment plan. The Board unanimously approved the application.

Thelma Landrum scheduled for a meeting with Board concerning building issues did not attend the meeting and did not reschedule.

Jim Desmond, the Natural Resources Director made his report to the Board. The BLM has not sent the necessary information to conduct the contractor studies. Mr. Desmond presented a draft bill to be introduced to the Congress called "Department of Interior Law **Enforcement Clarification Act** of 2001." This draft bill, if passed, would greatly expand the investigative and arrest authority of BLM personnel and is contrary to the state constitutional and statutory provisions establishing local law enforcement as the primary law enforcement agency. The Board authorized a letter to be sent to Secretary of Interior Gale Norton informing her of the Board's opposition to the draft bill.

The Air Force is reviewing the MOU concerning the roads. The Board reviewed the nominees for the Owyhee Watershed Council. Natural Resources Committee recommended that since this list of nominees are Oregon residents and unknown to the members of the committee that Oregon make the decision. The Board acknowledged the recommendation of  $_{
m the}$ Natural Resources Committee and moved and approved the motion to have the Oregon pick the nominees to serve on the council. The Slickspot Peppergrass FOIA discussed with the payment of the fee authorized by the Board. Notice has been received from the BLM that a commercial special recreation use permit has been applied for by the Catherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Expeditions. The application is to conduct from two to six 21†day pack-trips per year for 12 drug and alcohol therapy adolescents hiking from 60 to 120 miles per trip. The proposed operating area is roughly from the Oregon border (west) to Lambert Table (east), and from Pleasant Valley Table (north) to the Nevada border (south). The area includes wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, and areas of critical environmental concern. Trips are currently authorized in the Vale District, and other administered lands in Oregon, Nevada and California. A seminar is being scheduled for informing citizens on juniper burns and water quality.

Kay Kelly-Breach reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission is revising the Subdivision Ordinance, the Road Ordinance, and the Zoning Ordinance. Mrs. Breach thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to attend the seminars on Planning and Zoning Laws and the Land Use Planning.

Ron Race, Building Öfficial, reported on a building fee extension. The Board approved the extension with the provisions that it be date specific and non-refundable. The Board approved a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Ron Race's home in Marsing. The certificate was recommended by the inspector authorized by the Board to inspect the residence and is in accordance with the Uniform Building Code.

The Board will present the Decision on the Proposed Comprehensive Plan February 11, 2002 at 11:00 am in the Commissioners' Annex.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

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Present for the meeting were Commissioner Hal Tolmie, Commissioner Dick Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Salove, Sheriff Gary Aman, Clerk Cynthia Eaton, Treasurer Barbara Wright, Assessor Ernie Bahem, Jim Desmond, Larry McDaniel, Shelly Frisbie, and Chad Gibson.

The Clerk reported that Helen Aman is moving to Washington State and is resigning from the Owyhee Community Guardians.

The Board reviewed and approved resolutions from the Clerk and the Sheriff for destruction of records.

The Board reviewed and approved replacement of \$5,000 in Hazmat Equipment and Supplies requested by the Sheriff.

The Board conditionally approved the request on the Eslick Subdivision request by Lois Hart. The conditions to be placed on the Plat are subject to Board review and approval.

Larry McDaniel reported on the cost difference for the Road and Bridge crew to do the

chipper work with a new chipper and hiring the chipping done by a private contractor. The Board will review the purchase of a new chipper. The Board moved and approved the sale of the chipper co-owned by Owyhee County and the Glenns Ferry Highway District to Glenns Ferry Highway District. The current value of the chipper is \$20,000 and the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners agrees to sell the County half of the chipper to Glenns Ferry Highway District for \$10,000.

The Board reviewed and approved the Clerk's Financial Report.

The Board reviewed and approved the re-organization with Commissioner Tolmie reelected as Chairman. The Board increased the mileage compensation to thirty-four and one half cents (\$.345). The Board approved revision in the Wilson and South Marsing Precincts. The Board directed the Clerk and Assessor to modify the legal description on the Wilson and South Marsing Precinct descriptions as directed.

The precinct boundaries remain the same with the exception of the following:

SOUTH MARSING PRECINCT 04

Beginning at a point where the township line common to Townships 2 and 3 North intersects Jump Creek; thence southwesterly along Jump Creek to the point where the township line common to Townships 1 South and 1 North intersects Jump Creek thence west to the Idaho-Oregon

Stateline; thence south along the Idaho-Oregon Line to the township line common to Townships 1 South and 2 South: thence east along the township line common to Township 1 South and 2 South to the southeast corner of Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 4 West; thence north to the northwest corner of Range 4 West; thence north to the northwest corner of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 4 West; thence east to where section 26 Township 2 North, Range 4 West intersects the Snake River; thence northwesterly along the Snake River to the township line common to Township 2 North and 3 North; thence west along the township line common to Township 2 North and 3 North to the point where said township line intersects Jump Creek, the Point of Beginning. WILSON PRECINCT 06

Beginning at a point where the section line common to Sections 26 and 35, Township 2 North, Range 4 West intersects the Snake River; thence west 4 miles more or less to the northwest corner of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 4 West; thence south 13 miles more or less to the southwest corner of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 4 West; thence east 13 miles more or less to the southeast corner of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 2 West; thence north on the section line common to Sections 32 and 33, extending to the Snake River; thence down the Snake River to the Point of Beginning.

Pursuant to Section 31-704, the Board of County Commissioners set the Commission Districts as follows:

Commissioner Chris Salove is Commissioner in District #1 designated as Precinct 03 North Marsing, Precinct 04 South Marsing, and Precinct 06 Wilson.

Commissioner Hal Tolmie is Commissioner in District #2 designated as Precinct 01 North Homedale and Precinct 02 South Homedale.

Commissioner Dick Reynolds is Commissioner in District #3 designated as Precinct 05 Pleasant Valley, Precinct 07 Murphy, Precinct 08 Oreana, Precinct 09 Grand View, Precinct 10 Bruneau, Precinct 11 Riddle, and Precinct 12 Three Creek.

The Board approved modification of the agenda.

The Board added a report and request for authorization related to the scientific study by the Secretary Norton on the BLM's "Winmill-Reimers" terms and conditions. The Board approved authorization and signatures of the documentation.

The Board approved an amendment to the agenda to add discussion and direction on the Hanley grazing decision. The Board approved preparation and submission of a County Protest, if, and as soon as, the Permittee files a protest.

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The Board went into Executive Session on a personnel matter. The Board moved back into Regular Session. No decision was required.

INDIGENT AND CHARITY Case 01-21, the Board approved the findings for the hearing on this case.

The Board reviewed and approved the job description of the Planning and Zoning Assistant for study and recommendation by BDPA, Inc.

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 24, 2001 and approved the correction that Commissioner Salove, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds moved from Executive Session into Regular Session; and, Commissioner Salove, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to approve the leave of an employee. The Board approved the motion.

The Board moved into Executive Session for discussion of a legal matter. The Board moved out of Executive Session into Regular Session; and, no decision was necessary.

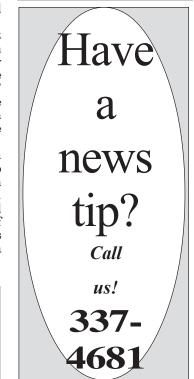
Jim Desmond, Owyhee Natural Resources Director, reported to the Board. The BLM has not returned information for contract studies on the proposed landfill site. The Board reviewed the letter from the BLM concerning a commercial recreation use permit from the Catherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Expeditions. The Board directed review of the letter by the Natural Resources Committee. The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Natural Resources Committee concerning the Owvhee Watershed Committee nominations. The Board determined that those nominees known to Oregon Committee Members should be approved by the Oregon Members; and, the Board directed that recommendations be sent to the Oregon Committee with that directive.

The Board conducted the Quarterly inspection of the Jail.

Lee Jones rescheduled his meeting with the Board for 3:30 pm Tuesday, January 22, 2002.

There being no further

There being no further business, the Board adjourned. 1/30/02



# Trojans wrestle Victory out of Weiser

The Homedale Trojans rounded out a weekend of wrestling action with a 40-34 victory over Weiser last Saturday, Jan. 26.

It was a huge win for Homedale since Weiser has been a powerhouse in the 3-A Division, Homedale Coach Toby Johnson said.

"This is the first time we have beaten them in my five years as head coach. I don't know when the last win over the over the Wolverines was for Homedale. It's just what we need before District. It was very encouraging and hopefully will give us some momentum as we move into our final matches of the season," Johnson said.

The Trojans swept all six matches from 152 pounds to 275 pounds. These matches were highlighted by pins from Anthony Pearson (189 pounds), and Zack Pearson (215 pounds), a major decision by Michael Eby (160 pounds) and a close match from Tomas Oregon, a 7-6 win, at 152 pounds.

Mark Mashburn scored a 3-0 win at 125 pounds. Mark George and Marcus Eby kept the scores close in their matches (1-12 and 1-9) and helped to keep the Weiser team score low. The clincher was Joe Fosters come from behind pin in the second in the second round for the 140 pound bout.

During a match on Friday, Jan. 25, Homedale wrestled against Marsing and Nyssa, losing only one match to Marsing. At 120 pounds, Homedale's Mark Mashburn pinned Philip Gibson of Marsing, and Brian Cuddeback had a 11-2 decision over Gibson. At 135 pounds, Cuddeback was decisioned by Justin Herman of Marsing 5-12. At 140 pounds, Homedale's Chris Folger pinned German Martinez of Marsing. At 152 pounds, Homedale's Tomas Obregon had 8-5 decision over Marsing's Randal Miller. Roberta Ayala had a decision over Tyde Smith of Marsing (12-5). At 171 pounds, Juan Garcia pinned Smith and Fidel Sam Cardenas pinned Robinson.

Against Nyssa that night, Marcus Eby had two wins at 112 pounds. Mark George had one win at 119 pounds. Drew Duryee had one loss at 112. Pedro Hernandez had a win at 275 as did Erik Garcia. Joe Foster had one win at 140. At 125, Cord Engle had two wins and Mark Mashbrun had one

"It was a great night for us. We wrestled very well," "We Johnson said. accumulated a dozen pins."

Homedale also put on a JV tournament on Saturday, Jan. 26. Homedale place third in the tournament. First place was



### Taking him down

Homedale's Marcus Eby works on pinning his New Plymouth opponent at last Friday's match.

second. Other teams at the event included Vallivue and Marsing. Highlights included Tomas Obregon, Cord Engle, and Erik Garcia with two pins. Placers included Drew Duryee

Weiser followed by Nyssa in in second at 112, Cord Engle in first at 125, Joe Foster at second in 140, Chris Folger took fourth at 140, Tomas Obregon in first at 152, Erik Garcia in first at 275 and Pedro Hernandez in second at 275.



### Ready for the steal

Tana Krall covers her opponent in the game against McCall last week.

# **Homedale Trojans** overtake McCall

The Homedale lady Trojans suffered a hard first quarter in the match against McCall last Friday, January 25, but fought back hard for a 45-34 win in the 2A conference.

As the first quarter ended, Homedale was down, McCall was at 13 with Homedale at two. But the Trojans put on the heat and during the second and third quarters. They tallied 13 points in the second quarter to outscore McCall's 10. Homedale kept the pressure on with a massive third quarter 21 points against McCall's seven.

Tristan Uria and Tana Krall led Homedale to its second win in a row. Uria led the Trojan with 12 points, followed closely by Krall who had 11. The ladies put the heat on at the backboard grabbing 50 boards during the play.

For McCall, McCumber tallied almost half of their points with 11 points.

"It started out real slow obviously. Then after the first quarter they kind of woke up and played tough. McCall played tough too," Homedale Coach Mark Weekes said. "Everybody (on our team) but one person scored."



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# Senior news

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## Homedale Senior Citizen Center

Linedancing will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30, followed by pinochle at 1 p.m.

Kielbasa and sauerkraut, veggies, fruit salad, roll and pudding will be served on Thursday, 31. The shopping bus will be in Homedale at 2 p.m.

Breakfast, including sausage, eggs, hashbrowns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, toast and juice will be served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 1.

Malibu chicken, potato-tot dish, veggies, corn bread and jello with fruit will be served on Tuesday, Feb. 5. There will also be music, bingo and bridge.

# **Marsing Senior Citizen Center**

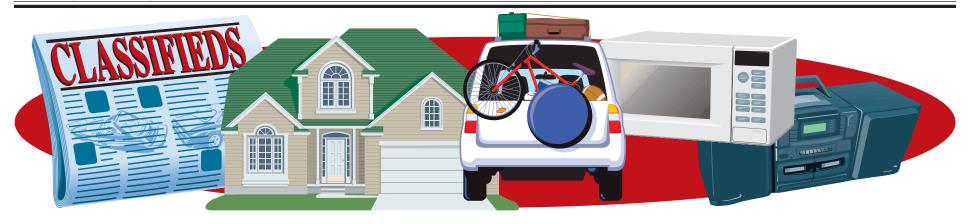
Hot open-faced beef sandwich, salad, cottage cheese and fruit will be served on Thursday, Jan. 31. There will also be music.

The Marsing Disaster auction will be held at 10:13 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Ham, beans and baked potato will be served on Monday, Feb.

The board of the senior center will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

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Avocadoes

79¢ ea.

Slicing
Tomatoes
796
Seedless
Grapes
Honey
Tangarines
796

Small Choice
Sunkist
Oranges

10 \$1

Stalk Celery

500

Fresh Bunch
Cilantro

Green Bell Peppers or
Cucumbers

16 oz. Bag
Baby Carrots

3 51
for
996

Chili w/ Beans



**89**¢

15 oz. Asst'd.

Party Pizzas



**99**¢

10.9 oz. Asst'd.

**Potato Chips** 



2 \$ 3 for

12.25 oz. Asst'd.

All Varieties

**Coke Products** 



**2**99

12 Pack Cans

3 Itr. Bottles
Shasta Pop

16 oz. Rosarita
Refried Beans

16 oz. Pace
Picante Sauce

14.5 oz. Post
Honey Combs

39 oz. Maxwell House
Coffee

\$109

16 oz. Hunt's
Manwich Sauce

24 Roll Northern
Bathroom Tissue

16 oz. Kraft
Salad Dressing

24 oz. Heinz
Ketchup

5 oz. Early California
Med. Pitted Olives

\$ 139

6.5 oz. Bugles
Snack Chips

8.75 oz. Asst'd.
Chex Mix Snacks

8.6 oz. Gardettos
Snack Mixes

32 oz. Brown or Powdered
C&H Sugar

5 ltr. Western Family
Spring Water

396

12.25 oz. Western Family
Potato Chips \$1 49

24 Pack Cans
Budweiser Beer \$1 479

24 oz. Eddy's
Cracked Wheat Bread \$1 99

20 ct. 16 oz.
Solo Party Cups \$1 59

26 oz. Trigger
Windex Cleaner \$259

# LIMIT ONE COUPON EACH PER CUSTOMER PER VISIT

COUPON 5001

2% Milk

\$179

Gallon
Limit 2 Expires 2/05/02

COUPON 5002

Candy Bars

4 \$1 for

50¢ Size Limit 1 Expires 2/05/02 COUPON 5003

Red Baron
PIZZAS

4 \$10

12" Asst'd.
Limit 2 Expires 2/05/02

COUPON 5004

Snack Crackers \$149

7 - 10 oz. Size Limit 2 Expires 2/05/02

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