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### International cuisine to be served Saturday

Annual smorgasbord served from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

The annual fundraiser for Homedale

History of the event page 10 schools will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 at Homedale E l e m e n t a r y School. This year the theme of the event is

"Education: Building United Communities."

Ticket sales are still low. As of Friday, Feb. 1, sales totaled \$3,687, compared with nearly \$4,000 last year. The winners for ticket sales for the week of Jan. 28 through Feb. 1 were Kyle Breach from Mr. Hann's class, Jordan Pegram from Mrs. Eidemiller's class and Kara Jenkins from Mrs. Warren's class. Mrs. Eidemiller's class was the top seller for the week with \$946 in sales. One hundred and fifty dollars was donated by Patti and Scott Syme

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

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Snow marker ...

There was four feet of snow at the snow-depth marker on Jordan Creek above Silver City last Saturday, and snowmobilers were out in high numbers enjoying the day.

### Owyhee Cattlemen gather in Murphy

By Robert Boatman

"As long as the grass grows and the water flows, there will be cattle grazing in the Owyhees." That was the theme set by Kenny Tindall, President of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, during the group's winter meeting. Tindall pulled quite a few more gems from his literary sleeve during the day, including "Jon Marvel, we will outlive you."

The Feb. 2 gathering at the courthouse in Murphy was a clear indication, if one was needed, that the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association is one of the most powerful pro-freedom forces in the county, indeed in the world.

Turnout was impressive, a couple of surprise guests brought the crowd to its feet, and industry speakers covered a wide range of topics, many of which will be the subject of more in-depth articles in the Avalanche during the coming weeks.

Of course, some of the topics were not quite as interesting as others. John Chatburn of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture announced the stunning fact that one of the several ways now

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### Marsing Disaster Auction sets new record at \$47 thousand-plus

By Melanie Hoyt

The 41<sup>st</sup> annual Marsing Disaster Auction raised a record-breaking \$47,758.55 last Saturday, Feb. 2.

The multipurpose room at Marsing Elementary School was filled to standing room only throughout the day and Marsing Disaster Auction Chairman Mike Kiester estimated that between 600 to 1,000 people crowded the room all day long. But there was one vacant seat reserved in honor of Terry Watson, and it was clear that his memory was foremost in the minds of those at the event.

The local ambulance crew donated a suede Marsing EMT coat in his name to be auctioned off. Joe Churruca won

the first bid for the coat at \$1,000 and donated it back to the auction. Jerry and Laura Bowman took the second bid for \$800 and also donated it back to the auction. Roman Usabel and Joe Usabel and Darrel L Brown finished the third bid at \$700. The coat was then given to Terry Watson's widow, Gloria Watson.

Some other high-selling items included an American Flag wallhanging at \$625, a four-person steelhead fishing trip for \$1,100 and a Star Quilt \$1,500

There were several drawings during the auctions. The half beef sponsored by Spring Valley Livestock went to Bruce Caba, the butchered hog sponsored by Haken/Emerald Insurance went to Ruth Clapier. Bud Bicknell won the \$250 shopping spree in Marsing. Bob Larsen took home the silver bar sponsored by the Marsing Disaster Auction. The Ruger .22-250 rifle donated by Wayne Hungate of Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance was won by Mike Lamb. A \$500 shopping spree to Boise Towne Square was won by Dawn Salvas.

Laura and Jerry Bowman were honored with a bouquet of roses and a plaque for their efforts for the community. Kiester said the couple donated the land for the community center being constructed in Marsing. They've also been supporters of the

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#### In memory of

Members of the Marsing Ambulance crew gather around as a suede jacket they donated in memory of Terry Watson is put up for bid at the Marsing Disaster Auction.

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### √ Smorgasbord



### Young artist...

Homedale High School student Mandy Dunn puts the finishing touches on a piece of artwork she will enter into this weekend's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual International Smorgasbord, which will be held at Homedale Elementary School. Many exhibits of local art talent will be on display during the annual event.

### **County officials saved** from term limits

In a decisive one-two knockout punch, the Idaho Legislature repealed term limits one day and overturned Gov. Kempthorne's veto of their action the next. As of Feb. 1, the law which essentially limits the number of terms any official can hold public office is history, and Owyhee County elected officials, including the sheriff, the prosecutor and all the rest, are free to run again. If the voters want them out, they can

### Irrigation Districts to hold meetings

The Ridgeview Irrigation District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, at its office at 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St, Homedale. The Gem Irrigation District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, at the same location. The South Board of Control will hold its regular meeting at the above location at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7.

use the ballot box to enforce their wishes. If they want them to stay, there's no law that says they can't.

Idaho is the first state to overturn term limits laws, which was the leading 'fad' legislation of 1994. The group Citizens For Federal Term Limits responded to their defeat with an immediate press release promising to come back with another term limits initiative in November, but this time it would apply only to state legislators and statewide office holders, not to county officials. -RB

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, Feb. 11. Entry forms for the 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.



### **√** Auction

Lions Club, the Marsing Chamber of Commerce, the spring festival and other community events and organizations.

The fifth and sixth graders of Marsing Elementary School sold the tickets for the raffle. Shawn Finley was the highest seller and was honored with a TV/VCR combination which Terry Watson had donated to the auction. Cy Lootens was second and received \$100. Teresa Eells was the third place seller and received \$50. Amy Beagley won a CD Walkman.

Auctioneers included Chris Brown, Bob Hopkins, Sid Maxwell, Al Osmus, Lonnie Rudd, Rick Brown, Ellis Albright, Roger Baker, Sam Baker, J.B. Salutregui.

"It was just special to watch the community do what they do every year," Kiester said. "I'm happy for what this community does, and it wouldn't have been a record-breaking year without them."



What am I bid ...

Rick Brown acknowledges a bid during the Marsing Disaster Auction last Saturday. The event was a record breaker.

### American Legion stew feed postponed

The American Legion announced last week it will postpone a stew feed that was planned for Feb. 13 by the Marsing American Legion Post 128 due to the recent death of Post Commander Terry Watson.

The annual feed was planned to be held at the Homedale American Legion Hall for veterans and guests. Spokesman Jim Stewart said due to the recent tragedy, the American Legion Post 128 will reschedule the feed for later this year. Watson was commander of the post for three years and died last Sunday from a heart attack while snowmobiling in the Owyhee Mountains.

For more information contact Stewart at 896-4523. – CP



### commissioners address stew of issues

Both the legislative and still require legislation. executive functions of the Owyhee County Commissioners were challenged in the regular meeting on January 28. Issues were diverse, of varying importance and with a range of possible solutions of both the deceptively simple and inevitably knotty variety. It was a day of hard work

opportunity Equal driver's licenses. Idaho high school kids near the Oregon border east of Jordan Valley have a problem. They have to travel up to 35 miles to get to school, there is no bus service to speak of, and meeting the Idaho requirements for a driver's license calls for standing on their heads because of where they live. For instance, they can't take driving tests locally or in Oregon that meet state requirements, but have to travel, unlicensed, to Nampa or Boise. In the meantime, the only way to get to school is to drive, also unlicensed. Sheriff Aman suggested that the solution may be to empower the Sheriff to issue "hardship" driver's licenses which would at least allow the kids to legally drive to school and back, a move for which there are plenty of precedents but which will commissioners to complain

Silver City road gates. The Sheriff also reported that difficult and expensive snow rescue operations for motorists stuck on the road to Silver City continue. "Road Closed" signs are being ignored. The Sheriff suggested that three gates on the road to prevent automobile travel might be the best solution. The gates would not affect snowmobile or other appropriate winter traffic on the road.

Postal progress. Post Office officials updated the status of the new rural addressing system. Among other things, the desire of many Murphy-area Owyhee County residents to have a Murphy rather than a Melba address was discussed. The situation can be accommodated by moving mailboxes across the road in some cases, and in others a few "aliases" for Murphy are available for postal patrons to use if they wish, such as Guffy, Givens Hot Springs or Wilson. There will be more development and clarification of these and other postal issues in the near future.

The Jones' complaint. Mr. Lee Jones and his wife before appeared the mistreatment by the Owyhee County building inspector, Ron Race. The Joneses were not on the agenda supplied to the Avalanche, but had been scheduled for an earlier commissioners meeting for which they had failed to appear. Mr. Jones seemed to be in an angry state as he described Race's "arrogant, unreasonable and abusive behavior" during Jones' process of building a home. He accused Race of supplying inaccurate information concerning county building codes which resulted in emotional frustration and substantial unnecessary expense. Chairman Tolmie suggested and immediately arranged for a face-to-face meeting between Jones, building inspector Race, and the county's legal advisor Fred Grant to identify and resolve any real problems which may exist. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 4.

The BLM as usual. Jim Desmond, Director of the Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee, reported that the BLM has contracted with a Michael Harty of CDR Resources out

vociferously about alleged of Colorado to help them multicolored identify additional issues for new resource management planning purposes. Commissioner Chris Salove quickly and accurately quipped, "It's a lot easier to plan if you have your conclusion first."

Bill Walsh of offroad motorcycle racing fame showed up to exhibit a new BLM draft map of the "incredible shrinking resources" of Owyhee County. "They've come up with a new phrase," Walsh explained. "This one is called 'Resource Concerns." BLM 'Resource therefore change nothing. -RB Concerns,' represented by

covered much of the map of Owyhee County, leaving little room for motorcycle racing or anything else.

Walsh pointed out that many well-known trails did not appear on the BLM map, which the commissioners seemed to agree was likely a precursor to the surreptitious closing of those trails entirely. Of course, it was only a draft map, but Bill Walsh was not alone in observing that any BLM draft is as good as final because public comments on the draft are routinely ignored and

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### Major victory in Hage v. United States

Landmark takings case decided in favor of property rights

The long anticipated final decision on the property rights at issue in Hage v. United States, the takings case filed by Nevada ranchers, the Wayne Hage family, has finally been issued by Senior Judge, Loren A. Smith. On January 29th, Smith ruled Hage owns extensive property rights on his grazing allotments, specifically water rights, 1866 Act ditch rights of way, the right to have their livestock consume the forage adjacent to their waters and ditches and the right of access thereto.

The Hages had filed their takings claim against the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management in 1991 after excessive regulations and physical takings of their property had run them out of business. They filed their case in the US Court of Federal Claims in Washington DC, placing the important question before the courts what property rights do ranchers own on their grazing allotments?

"The court specifically rejected the position of the BLM and Forest Service that ranchers have no property rights on their grazing allotments," commented Hage attorney, Ladd Bedford. "The court further stated that if the government's interference with these rights makes it impossible for the rancher to use them, the Government will required to pay compensation for their loss."

In addressing the issue of the Hage's access to their water rights, Judge Smith's opinion stated the following:

"The Government cannot deny citizens access to their vested water rights without providing a way for them to divert that water to another beneficial purpose if one exists. The Government cannot cancel a grazing permit and then prohibit the plaintiffs from accessing the water to redirect it to another place of valid beneficial use. The plaintiffs

have a right to go onto the land and divert the water."

The court did rule against Hage's argument that he owned the surface estate of his allotments, but plaintiffs are not troubled by the courts position. "When you combine everything the court has ruled that we own in this final decision, it is clear that the key property rights essential to a western livestock grazing operation are recognized," noted plaintiff Wayne Hage.

The court also clarified the relationship between the rancher and the grazing permit system by stating the grazing permit is a license and the government has the authority exercise reasonable regulations. However, because of this landmark decision, ranchers now may be protected from abusive grazing regulations if they cause the taking of access to the ranchers' 1866 Act ditch rights of ways or water rights.

"For the first time in history, a federal court has defined the balance between the western ranchers property rights and the governments ability to regulate," explained Bedford. "This decision is a major step forward for the security of federal land ranchers."

The court has set up an aggressive briefing schedule to complete the final phase of the case: determining whether the Hage's property rights as determined in the courts Final Decision were taken by the government. If the Hages prevail in this final stage compensation will be awarded to them for the taking of their property, and the rights of every other rancher affirmed in this decision will have the same protection.

"For ten years Stewards and its members have been working towards the protection of ranchers property rights," commented Frank Duran, president of Stewards of the Range. Stewards is the

organization that has funded and supported this case since it's filing in 1991. "We now have the most important legal precedent ever set in modern times to protect these rights, and we look forward to wining the next and final round, proving the government must compensate western ranchers when their actions go too far."

### B- GV School District looks at trustee zones

The Bruneau-Grand View School District Board of Trustees is holding a special public hearing at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School for the purpose of considering school trustee rezoning boundaries.

A map of the district showing how each of the new trustee zones would appear is available at the school district office at 660 Boise Ave., Grand View. For more information call 834-2253.

### Homedale sends students to state BPA competition

Homedale High School has announced the students who placed during the recent regional Business Professionals of America (BPA) conference at Vallivue High School on Saturday, Jan. 26.

The following are the students, their place and their category: Damien Alambra, third, Application Interview Skills A; Derik Barrett, first, Cisco Networking Application and second, Integrated Office Systems; Quinn Bingham, first, Data Base Application and first, Banking and Finance; Anthony Haskett, second, Fundamental Processing; Carolyn Kaufman, third, Advanced Office Systems and third, Advanced Word Processing; KC Miyasako, third, Keyboard Production, Mellissa Miyasako, third, Basic Office Systems; Kim Price, fourth, Fundamental Accounting; Annie Roeser, first, Application Interview Skills and second, Extemporaneous Speaking 2; Kassi Ruff, second, Advanced Word Processing and fourth, Advanced Office Systems; Christine Tiddens, second, Advanced Office Systems and fourth, Advanced Word Processing; Brandon Zatica, first, PC Servicing and Troubleshooting.

All have advanced to the state conference March 7-9 at Boise State University in Boise.

### **Comprehensive Plan meeting next Monday**

The County Commissioners meeting in Murphy on Monday, February 11 will focus on the final review and anticipated signing of the Owyhee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

Work on the plan began in 1993 and a final draft was prepared and presented by the Planning and Zoning Commission late last year. Expected approval by the county commissioners was delayed when Commission Chairman Hal Tolmie had emergency surgery in December. -RB

### Enviro. Health Services open earlier

Office hours for Environmental Health Services of Owyhee County Southwest District Health have been changed to start earlier in the morning at the Murphy and Homedale offices.

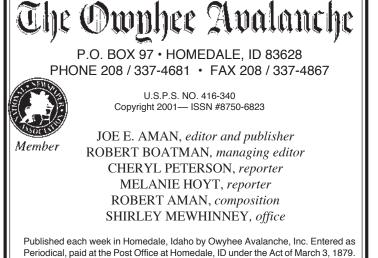
The Murphy office will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. each Tuesday, and the Homedale office from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. each Thursday. The new hours will enable SWDH to provide improved customer field service in these areas and to better support the more distant Owyhee County customers throughout the week.

### Agency closed for training

The Ada County and Owyhee County Farm Service Agency offices will be closed February 6th and 7th.

A statewide training workshop will be held these days. All FSA employees and county committee members will be attending the workshop.





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### **Homedale School District considers** graduation requirements

By Melanie Hoyt

Starting next year, students at Homedale High School could be taking two years of U.S. History if proposed changes to the graduation requirements are approved.

Principal Mike Williams, some local parents and teachers met on Monday, Jan. 28 to discuss the proposed changes to the Homedale School District graduation requirements which would add a second year of U.S. History at the high school level and would result in some shuffling of courses and credits.

"We just hope that our students will be able to do well achievement state assessments when they are finally put together," Homedale School District Curriculum Coordinator and Albertson Site Coordinator Kris Hopkins said. "We're doing everything we can to be proactive."

Currently students are required to take two credits (one year) of U.S. History during their junior year. The State Department of Education has recommended that school districts offer two years of U.S. History in order to prepare students to meet the new educational standards developed by the state and pass the exiting assessment the state is preparing to measure how well they meet the standards.

The proposal also includes dropping the freshman P.E. requirement for graduation, moving world literature from freshman year to sophomore year and health class from 10th grade down to ninth grade.give†He

said the shuffling of the classes would

give more free time at the

junior and senior level for students who desire taking special courses such as higher level math and science or courses through COSSA.

These changes would raise curriculum core requirements from 25 to 27, drop the district requirements from nine credits to eight credits and drop electives 12 credits to 11 credits if they are approved by the Homedale School District Board of Trustees. The number of credits for graduation would still total like the current requirements.

"I do agree with the idea that they should put them (the two years of U.S. History) back to back. It makes sense," Homedale parent Barbie VanderBoegh said. "They've really put a lot of thought into it. I was impressed."

The graduation requirement proposal will come before the school board at their February 11 meeting. The parents and teachers will meet with Williams again later in February to make any necessary adjustments based on input from the school board. It will then come back to the school board in March.

Williams said more changes to the graduation requirements and the curricula throughout the district could take place later on as well in areas like science and math.

### Leos trial postponed

### Brothers charged with jail violence

by Cheryl Peterson

A Homedale father and his sons did not have their day in court Monday on charges of grand theft because the trial was postponed after the death of the victim's wife last week. But two of the Leos brothers have continued to add charges to their list even though they remain in jail.

Guadalupe Sr., Guadalupe Jr., Jesus, and Carlos Leos were arrested Sept. 24 and booked on charges of grand theft by false promise after allegedly stealing nearly \$120,000 from an 85-year-old Homedale man. Carlos was later released when Third District Judge Gregory Culet determined there was not enough evidence to bind him over for trial. The family was scheduled to stand trial Monday, but due to the death of the victim's wife Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Ed Yarbrough asked the trial be postponed. The trial has been reset for March 6 and 7 in front of Judge Culet.

Guadalupe Jr. will be before a judge today on charges of aggravated assault. Junior is accused of pointing a gun in the face of a Homedale teen last year. Late last month he pleaded guilty to charges of contempt of court for telephoning the victim from jail and will be sentenced on Feb. 25 by Third District Judge Thomas Ryan.

Guadalupe's brother Jesus also faces additional charges stemming from his stay in the local jail after a fight broke out in the exercise yard and deputies had to break it up. Jesus now faces battery charges from the fight with another inmate. Owyhee County

Sheriff Gary Aman said Jesus received several stitches to his face from the incident.

Jesus will have a pretrial on those charges on Feb. 11 and will face a jury trial on Feb. 22.

### **Marsing High students** receive FFA degrees

Nick Usabel and Sherlyn Downs of Marsing High School have received their state Future Farmers of America degrees. In order to qualify for the degree they must have their chapter FFA degree, been active for at least 24 months in FFA, completed at least two years of agricultural education above ninth grade, must be currently enrolled in agricultural education, earned at least \$1,000 or worked 300 hours on supervised agricultural experience, productively invested \$1,000 and must have given a six minute speech related to agriculture. Other requirement include serving as a officer or committee chairman, having a satisfactory scholastic record, participation in five FFA activities above the chapter level, passing a parliamentary and FFA knowledge test and completing their record books.



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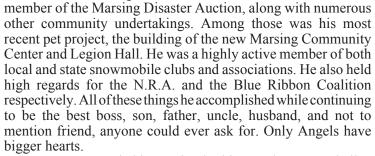
#### Terry Wayne Watson

Terry Wayne Watson, 54, of Marsing, passed away Saturday, January 26, 2002, of natural causes while snowmobiling in the Owyhee's with family and friends.

Terry was born in Nampa, Idaho, on October 18, 1947, to Challen and Maxine Watson of Marsing. He attended Marsing schools and graduated from Marsing High School in 1966. After high school and a brief stint at B.S.U., Terry entered the United States Military, becoming a British trained 1st Cav. Airborne dog handler in the Army. Some of his most favorite times were spent in his office with his son and nephew, recounting Vietnam War stories about him and his dog Bruce. After returning home in 1969 he left Idaho to try his luck in Yerington, Nevada, where he met his future bride Gloria; thanks to her parents who thought he was the best catch in the world. Terry

and Gloria wed in April of 1972 in Yerington. Then in 1976, the soon-to-be parents returned to the Marsing area so Terry could join his father in what would be a lifelong journey in self-employment at Terra-Hug Spray Company!

In a relatively short amount of time, Terry became a much respected community leader, lending his time as Post Commander of the Marsing American Legion, lifetime member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, and board



Terry was preceded in passing by his grandparents: Challen and Margaret Watson, Fred Hale, and Zorm and Genevieve Norman

Terry is survived by his parents, Chally and Maxine Watson of Marsing; his wife of nearly 30 years Gloria of Marsing, and her parents Norton and Vivian Pickett of Carson City; three children: Darrin, 25, of Boise, Telori, 21, of Homedale, and Tyson, 14, of Marsing; grandson Jesse of Boise; brothers: Darrell (Marilyn) of Marsing, Steve (Susan) of Oregon City; nieces: Wendi, Sara and Sally; and nephews: Scott, Cory, Challen, Jacob and Urian, not to mention numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

Due to the large number of friends and family Terry was so proud to call his own, services were held at Deer Flat Free Methodist Church, 17703 Beet Road, Caldwell, on Friday, February 1, at 1:00 p.m. Burial followed at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, under direction of the Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. A reception followed. The American Flag was displayed on processional vehicles.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Idaho State Snowmobile Association, Blue Ribbon Coalition, People for the Owyhees (C/O Chally Watson), or Marsing American Legion at Marsing U.S. Bank.



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### From the sheriff's desk

Jan. 31, 7 p.m. Karen Elledge, 47, from Mountain Home hit a cow on the Crane Falls turnoff near Bruneau. Elledge's vehicle suffered damages, but no one was injured in the accident, including the cow. No citations were issued.

Jan. 31, 8 a.m. Kyler Johnson, 21, from Marsing, rolled a semi-truck he was driving on Highway 78 near mile marker seven. Johnson was hauling silage for McIntyre Farms and reported that the load had shifted in the trailer causing the accident. No citations were issued and no one was injured.

Feb. 1, 8:40 p.m. Allen James Burchett was cited for trespassing after he reportedly drove across the lawn of Juan Delgadillo from Marsing on the corner of Opaline and Clark Roads.

Feb. 1, officers recovered a stolen vehicle from Nampa when the owner of the vehicle found it in a junk-yard on Edison and Thompson Road. Andy Perez, the owner of the stolen vehicle, reported his blue 1982 Ford panel truck had been stolen nearly a year ago and he had located it at the business near Marsing. The vehicle had been stripped of its motor, transmission and seats. The incident is still under investigation.

Feb. 1, 4:28 p.m. Guillermo Gonzalez Jr. received a misdemeanor citation for driving on a suspended license after he collided with Al Lindbloom, 41 of Homedale. The accident occurred on the Highway 78-55 junction in Marsing

Feb. 2, 2:21 p.m. a 38-yearold male was taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise by Life Flight after a motorcycle accident near Reynolds Creek. The man, whose name was unavailable, was located two miles west of Murphy. Dispatchers said the man was treated for a back injury. Feb. 3, 7:24 p.m. Tal Trautman, 38, of Nampa, reported a flatbed trailer carrying a Snow Cat he had been pulling had come off his pickup and rolled. Dispatchers said Trautman reported he had a flat tire on the trailer, which caused the accident. No one was injured and no citations were issued. -CP

### Jordan Valley releases first quarter honor roll

Jordan Valley High School released its first semester roll recently for the 2001-2002 school year.

High honors included: Jerry Wroten, Michelle Baltzor, Frank Beckwith, Lauren Cuvelier, Hayley Johnson, Pat Anderson, Cody Cline, Jessica Davis, Shane Smith, TJ Stubbs, Shari Baltzor, Asa Beckwith, Julie Eiguren, Katie Johnson, Melinda Johnson, Pat Conro, Emily Mackenzie, Jeff Anderson, Kelly Conro, Elias Eiguren, Mark Freese, Megan Johnson and Gracian Uhalde.

Honors were: Tina Stanford, Kayla Brown, Kristen Grenke, Levi Waller, Mike Johnson, Anna Watkins, Teresa Baker, Gena Franke-Hall, Shaun Lequerica, Michael White, Lindsey Smith, Uriah Waller and Colleen Wilkinson.



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### Homedale Friends ready for fundraising efforts

By Melanie Hoyt

In the fields along Highway 95 just around the bend near Homedaleheading toward Wilder, rests a sign welcoming the future home of the new Homedale Friends Church.

It will be a while before the sight of desert grasses and distant mountains are replaced with the vision of the new church completed, but the fundraising process for the building is about to take off

full steam. Pastor John Beck said he hopes to see construction begin on the building this summer and the facility completed within two to three years.

The search for land began three years ago and today the Homedale Friends Church owns outright a 4.339-acre lot on Highway 95 near Wilder. They wanted to stay within the Homedale city limits, but Beck said that they could not find

land suitable for their needs. Today the land is owned free and clear and they have completed the process for a conditional use permit through planning and zoning. The church has the plans for the building as well as short and long range plans on how to use the property and build on it. The church is now beginning the massive fundraising drive within the church and will hold community events in the future to raise funds for the construction. The church had a silent auction which raised \$1,500 in December. Beck said the hope is to fund the construction primarily through donations and fundraisers.

"The need grew out of the

restraints of this building, not being able to have the large gatherings that we needed to have with Sunday mornings, and for funerals and special programs and those kind of things," Beck said.

The current building's sanctuary can comfortably hold approximately 125 people. The new facility should be able to accommodate 225. The new church will be close to 10,000 square feet in size and will include several classrooms, a reception area, nursery, offices, storage areas, foyer and patio. The sanctuary will also be a multipurpose room which can be used for community meetings, recreational activities and other community

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The property will provide the opportunity for more outdoor activities for children and a playground facility as part of the church's focus on children's ministry, Beck said.

The new facility will include more adequate handicapped access which has proved troublesome in the current building which has stairs and some narrow doorways.

Church members are discussing what to do with the current building once the new facility is completed. They are considering selling it, or developing a Spanish-language ministry. "We're still discussing what to do with this facility," Beck said.



#### Safety honored

Gustafson's employees Tom Jones and Stan Cahill stand with plant manager, Dennis Achey with the plaque and certificate awarded to the company for its extended record of plant safety. The company is the first business in Idaho to receive the recognition.

### Gustafson honored for years of safety

OSHA presented an award to a Marsing company last month for its employee safety and health efforts, the first Idaho business to attain status in the federal Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program.

Gustafson, LLC, a formulator of agricultural related chemicals was presented with a plaque and certificate for maintaining an injury and illness rate of zero when the national average for their industry was 3.2. The company has worked closely with the Idaho Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program at Boise State University to establish an effective safety and health management system to identify and control occupational hazards in the workplace.

The safety and health achievement recognition program, (SHARP) is a federal effort to highlight achievements by employers in workplace safety and health.

"Gustafson has been a prime example of a company dedicated to the welfare of its employees," Lisa Hill, Consultation Program Manager commented. "This past year and a half has been fulfilling as we partnered with the management and employees of Gustafson to meet the stringent SHARP criteria. Each and every employee at Gustafson, LLC feels responsible for workplace safety and health protection. They worked hard to make any corrections we saw were needed and have set a new standard to which other Idaho small businesses can aspire."

"We worked hard for this and I am so thankful to my employees and Lisa from BSU for helping us make it possible," Gustafson Plant Manager Dennis Achey said. "They came into our plant and showed us possible injury points that we may never have thought of. I would just like to thank everyone who worked so hard to achieve this goal."

Achey said he has 16 employees in the plant and operates five days a week in three daily shifts. He said the operation used to have 3-4 injuries a year and now it is operating without any.

The awards ceremony took place on Jan. 11 and officials from the Idaho Occupational Safety and Health Consultation program, Boise State University and the Region 10 office of the US Department of Labor attended to present the SHARP award. -CP



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### Thank you for Vets

Mrs. Garrett's class at Homedale Elementary School made valentines for local veterans last week. Here Cristina Gonzalez and Mayra Robles work on their cards.

### **Marsing High announces** honor roll students

Marsing High School has announced its honor roll students for the first semester of the 2001-2002 school year.

Nineth grade highest honors (4.0): Anthony Butler, Tami Downs, Pam Haines, Cody Heller, Owen Morris and Tyson Neilsen.

Nineth grade high honors (3.75 - 3.99): Monica Bowers. Nineth grade honor roll (3.5 - 3.74): Brooke Millet, Willie Eels, R.J. Crosland, Samuel Robinson and Teresa Whitaker.

Tenth grade highest honors (4.0): Matthew Berends and Toni

Tenth grade high honor roll (3.75 - 3.99): Kirby Cook, Philip Gibson, Elijah Anderson, Jason Miller and Kasey Randolph.

Tenth grade honor roll (3.5 - 3.74): Tamara Kenyon, Jacob Chenoweth, Maria Paramo, Kyle Randolph, Patrick Anderson, Robert Gonzalez, Eva Smith and Cody Usabel.

Eleventh grade highest honors (4.0): Skipper Scott.

Eleventh grade high honors (3.75–3.99): Sherlyn Downs and

Eleventh grade honor roll (3.5-3.74): Krystal Thomas, Amy Sullens, Amber Vestal, Amie Vanek, Jeannie Smith.

Twelveth grade highest honors (4.0): Noe Galvan, Sibyl Morris, Brittany Roberts, Rachael Robinson and Amy VanWassenhove.

Twelveth grade high honor roll (3.75 - 3.99): Brianne Bowers, Rosendo Contreras, Rachel Berends, Andria Kiester, Rachael Carver and Edgar Zavala.

Twelveth grade honor roll (3.5 - 3.74): Amanda Branin, Cody McIntyre, Luz Salazar, Phyllis Sevy, John Fromm, Rosa Jacobo, Christine Smith, Brandi Chadez, Ruben Delgadillo, Nito Sandoval, Kirstin Springer and Sean Wilke.

### **Marsing Middle School** names honor roll students

Marsing Middle School has announced its honor roll students for the first semester of the 2001-2002 school year.

Eighth grade high honors (3.5 +): Nicole Gelinas, Mary Jo Usabel, Perry Gibson, Mollee Nielsen, Megan Ryals, Brandon McNair, Dan Daniel, Jamison Price, Lowell Price, Lowell Anderson, Marco Martinez and Katie Morris.

Eighth grade honor roll (3.0 – 3.4): Trenton Lootens, Anayeli Martinez, Jeb Russell, Crystal Sundquist, Sergio Alvarez, Tiffany Martinez and Amanda Merritt.

Seventh grade high honor roll (3.5+): Taryn Chenoweth, Johnathon Cossel, Jessica Elsberry, Samantha Wilson, Charlene Eells, Kevin Haines, Precilla Barroso, Tyler Johnson, David Marcial, Shea McClellin, Michael Tuckness, Jennifer Pfeifer and Ashley Larsen

Seventh grade honor roll (3.0 - 3.4): Brian Agnew, Ivan Almeida, Steven Eells, Kallie Roeser, Chelan Cobiskey, Troy Dines, Miguel Quebrado, James Sevy, Hilda Romero, Chelsea Fickes, Daniel Ineck, Cole Nielsen, Alicia Ponce, Aaron Salvas and Keshia Stafford.

Sixth grade high honors (3.5+): Briana Acree, Natalie Salinas, Amanda Staudenmier, Kelsey Aikens and Taylor Nielsen.

Sixth grade honor roll (3.0 - 3.4): Holly Heller, Lacy Hopkins and Miranda Garcia.



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### Solid base for sex ed should be in place before puberty

QUESTION: indicated when sex education should begin. When should it end?

DR. DOBSON: You should plan to end your formal instructional program about the time your son or daughter enters puberty (the time of rapid sexual development adolescence). Puberty usually begins between the ages of 10 and 13 for girls and between 11 and 14 for boys. Once they enter this developmental period, they are typically embarrassed by discussions of sex with their parents. Adolescents usually resent adult intrusion during this time — unless they raise the topic themselves. In other words, this is an area where teens should invite parents into their lives.

I feel that we should respect their wishes. We are given 10 or 12 years to provide the proper understanding of human sexuality. After that foundation has been laid, we serve primarily as resources to whom our children can turn when the need exists.

That is not to say parents should abdicate their responsibility to provide guidance about issues related to sexuality, dating, marriage, etc., as opportunities present themselves. Again, sensitivity to the feelings of the teen is paramount. If he or she wishes to talk, by all means, welcome the conversation. In other cases, parental guidance may be most effective if offered indirectly. Trusted youth workers at church or in a club program such as Campus Life or Young Life can often break the ice when parents

I'd also suggest that you arrange a subscription for your kids to magazines that provide solid advice — from the perspective of a friend, rather than an authority figure. Examples include Brio (for girls ages 12 and up), and Breakaway (for boys ages 12 and up), both of which are available through Focus on the Family.

QUESTION: My boyfriend and I have been seeing each other for almost a year. Initially, he would freely show me a great deal of respect and affection. Lately, however, I'm seeing less and less of this attention. I don't want to be overly sensitive, but I don't want to be used as a doormat either. How can I know for sure what is the case?

DR. DOBSON: Give yourself a little test by answering these questions about the relationship.

Are you making all the phone calls to the other person? Does he tell you the truth invariably? Have you been "stood up" without a reasonable excuse? Do you fear he is slipping away, and is that causing you to "grab and hold"?

Are you tolerating insults that others would not accept? Does he show evidence "cherishing" you and wanting to make you happy? Does he reveal your secrets to others and make comments about you in public that embarrass you? Is he physically abusive at times? Does he ever "reach" for you instead of your reaching for him? Do your friends ever say, "Why do you put up with the stuff he does?'

These are questions that only you can answer. But if you are honest with yourself, you will have no difficulty identifying disrespectful components to your relationship. If you come up with the wrong answers, the solution is not to beg him to do better. It is to pull back and see if he follows. If not, you're better off looking for someone else.

QUESTION: Does the feeling of entrapment in marriage happen only late in life, or does it sometimes occur earlier?

DR. DOBSON: Trapped reactions can occur among teenagers during courtship or at any time within a marriage — from the first day of the honeymoon to 50 years thereafter. They happen any time one partner devalues the worth of the other and feels stuck in the relationship. They form the cornerstone of midlife crises among men, and are typical of women who feel their husbands are wimpy and lacking in confidence. I believe the majority of divorces can be traced to the twin reactions of disrespect and marital claustrophobia.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or www.family.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "The Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide," published by Tyndale House.

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### 4-H news

### Wilson Butte 4-H elects new officers

By MJ Usabel, secretary

The Wilson Butte 4-H Club elected new officers for the 2002 year on Jan. 17.

The new officers are: president, Tate Saurey; vice president, Amanda Merritt; secretary, MJ Usabel; treasurer, Michelle Elsner; Sgt. arm, Tom Richards.

Reporters are the following: swine, Josh Dygert; sheep, Kaycee Culbertson; horse, Malia Rich; beef, Josh Prow; dairy, Nick Usabel; cooking/sewing, Logan, Katie and Rieley Stirm;

Wilson Butte 4-H scrapbook chairman is Tyler Blackstock. Committee members are Kyler Dygert, Logan Stirm, Katie Stirm, Rieley Stirm, Dusty Krivanec and Malia Rich. Adult Supervisors include: Debbie Saurey and Jody Usabel.

Project leaders are as follows: swine leader, Chris Elsner; sheep leader, Chris Basel; horse leader: Dave and Konia Rich; beef leaders: Jody Usabel, Carrie Smith, Jody Mihan; dairy leader, Cindy Floyd; cook/sewing leader, Heidi Stirm.

The club members paid their \$5 dues and signed up for their projects. Members are encouraged to attend 100 percent of their club meetings and activities, and no less than 80 percent.

The next Wilson Butte meeting will be the club's yearly pizza party on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Idaho Pizza Company. Members must R.S.V.P. to attend. Call Tate at 495-2038 or Jody at 896-4777 by Feb. 11.

Other upcoming meetings are beef meetings on Jan. 28 and Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Wilson Butte School House. The club will be going over selecting steers, feed and feed costs, halter breaking and fundraisers.

Wilson Butte club leaders will hand out project books to the members at the March 11 meeting. All dues must be paid. March 1st is the deadline to sign up for 4-H for the 2002 year.



#### Rollover...

A semi truck from McIntyre Farms lays on its side on Highway 78 near mile marker seven Thursday morning after the load on the truck shifted causing the driver of the vehicle to lose control. Kyler Johnson, 21 was driving the semi when it crashed but was not injured. No citations have been issued, but a spokesman from the Owyhee County Sheriff's office said an investigation into the accident is continuing.

### Legislative report

by Sher Sellman

I sincerely thank all of you from District 20 for your involvement in the term limits debate. You are taking very good care of our "body politic". I have had the honor of receiving more messages from my district than most legislators received. KTVB.com. displays a list of all 105 legislators, the number of constituents that contacted them, and a statement from most of us.

On this very difficult issue, I voted to repeal term limits, and I voted to override the Governor's veto.

There are several constitutional and political questions about term limits that plague us.

#1. Does the Legislature have the right to overturn a governor's veto?

Yes, the Legislative branch has equal standing with the Executive branch. Our Judicial branch also has equal standing. The Supreme Court has the power to throw out a law that we pass as unconstitutional.

#2. Does the Legislature have the right to overturn a people's initiative?

Yes. The framers of our Constitution created a republican form of government in which representatives can make the final decision after a vote at the ballot box.

These questions are answered on the constitutional level, but it is the political question that raises one's blood pressure. What is best for the state of Idaho?

Those of you who are disappointed in our vote to repeal instead of following the majority at the ballot box have good arguments. Citizens like

Joe Twitchell, in the most professional manner, argued continuously for respecting the ballot box and not creating a system of professional politicians. He also let me know how disappointed he was

in my vote. Another constituent sent daily hat e messages. Your points of view were always on my mind.



However, I took an oath of office to work in the best interests of all Idahoans and for Elmore and Owyhee counties. My opinion is that we are too rural to labor under term limits. To deny the voters the right to see an incumbent's name on the ballot box, when so few citizens run in rural areas, is not good government.

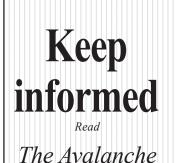
Also, we are not a wealthy state. It is expensive to train the newly elected through training seminars in Boise or through staff time. A new school board member or a county treasurer must learn our Idaho laws pertaining to the charge of that specific office. This learning curve extends into years. The tax money to train is well spent, but to continuously train new people. if one is doing a good job and pleasing their constituents, is not the best way to spend tax dollars. Knowledge and experience save schools, cities, and counties money through the budget process.

Windy Osborn, who is not an elected official, went beyond his call of citizenship to give me good arguments against term limits. "Idaho has term limits. It is called the ballot box." I did not, however, receive any daily love notes!

Last week's legislative veto override may not bring closure to this issue. The term limits organization has vowed to put the question on the ballot in November.

An apology is owed to all of you for this continuous quarreling. If those of us in local government, when the term limits initiatives were before us, would have been doing a better job of communicating on the negative effects of ballot box restriction, we may have put this issue to rest. Few of us were out in public debating the issue. When the 1% Initiative was before us, we had good healthy debates at chamber meetings, the Lions and Rotary clubs, at sororities, in high school classrooms. Few elected officials, on the term limits issue, got publicly involved. I deeply apologize to you for our silence and the turmoil it has caused.

This week we go back to the very serious issues of budget and appropriations. Please continue to talk to me at ssellman@house.state.id.us or call 332-1000.



### **BLM** candidate promises change

Stephen E. West, currently Regional Administrator of Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality, would like to be the new state director of the Bureau of Land Management replacing Martha Hahn.

West briefly addressed a gathering of Owyhee Cattlemen's Association members at the Marsing Senior Center on January 30, answered questions and promised to change many of the troubling policies of the former BLM administration if he is appointed director.

"Grazing is a right, not a privilege," West said. "Science is a tool, not a driving force. I have a strong personal belief in personal property rights, states' rights and individual liberty. It may be that the goals of the BLM in Idaho are different from the goals of the BLM in other states."

Reminded that the BLM in the past has rolled over with the threat of litigation from the likes of Jon Marvel and other environmental extremists, Hill said that BLM science should be strong enough to stand up "without fear of being sued."

The only applause of the evening occurred when Natural Resources Committee director Jim Desmond pointed out that West had shot a cougar this past season. He is a dedicated hunter and fisherman.

West has worked in the oilfields of Alaska and the mines of Nevada but has no

cattle ranching or farming experience. He spoke many times of the need for "common sense" and responded to a question about national monuments by saying he does not think we need any more

Another popular candidate for the office, K. Lynn Bennett, was invited to the meeting but declined to appear. A rumored third candidate may be in the running as well. The top Idaho BLM position is a political appointment and will involve BLM Director Kathleen Clarke, Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton and Idaho senators Craig and Crapo. -RB



Steve West, announced candidate for Idaho BLM Director, discusses cattle ranching and cougar hunting with Jim Desmond, Director of Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee.

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### Homedale celebrates 41 years of international cuisine

Fund-raiser offers schools resources for extra supplies

By Cheryl Peterson

Saturday Feb. 9 will mark the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Homedale International Smorgasbord continuing to offer patrons a huge variety of international cuisine and the biggest fundraising event for the Homedale School District.

The event began in 1961 with Shirley Kushlan as the chairman and has come a long way since the early 60s when a mere \$500 was raised for extra school supplies. The first year library books and band uniforms were purchased.

By the second year, an estimated 1,000 people attended the affair in which Bette Uda chaired. Those who recall the beginning years say Uda came up with the idea to hold the fund-raising event to help the school district purchase items it normally could not afford.

"The whole thing began to buy library books and band uniforms," former chairman Nolan Taggart said. "It was done for a specific reason and it just took a hold. It went to 1500 people really quick. Even on stormy days I don't think they have had less then 2,500 since the early 1070s. We used to have a lot of people come from out of state every year just to enjoy the variety of food available.

"In the beginning people would have to stand outside to wait to get in and it didn't matter how cold or wet it was they still came."

In 1962 maps, library books, two state flags and band uniforms were purchased out of the \$1,100 raised in the event.

"A huge crowd began forming lines that stretched outside the building shortly after 5 p.m. Monday and filled the multi-purpose room to capacity," an article in the *Owyhee Chronicle* dated Jan. 18, 1962 reported. "A few selections of the various dishes had dwindled when late comers were served, but everyone had been assured enough to eat and plenty of food remained after everyone had been served, Mrs. Uda said."

By 1963 the number of people attending had risen to over 2,000 and \$1,082 was given to the local schools. Books for the junior high, band uniforms, a phonograph for Washington Elementary School, miscellaneous PTA items and a switch box were purchased from the funds. Harriet Kinder was chairman.

"Two years ago when the fund raising event was in the experimental stage by PTA members, it was met with skepticism and chairmen had to sell the idea," a Jan. 24, 1963 article from the

Owyhee Chronicle reported. "This year, with two years experience behind them, the chairmen presented a smoothly operated dinner without confusion. Comments of praise were expressed from many elderly persons to the very young able to taste the different foods of other lands. To view the decorated tables and see the display of articles in the International treasures."

After 40 years the event now seems to go with out any difficulty. Booths are set up days in advance and food preparation begins nearly a week in advance.

By 1971 the event had continued to grow and expand. Nearly \$1,700 was raised with Chairman Sandra Fritzley, Margie Lineberger and Jean Zatica. Girls' athletic uniforms, card catalogue for the elementary library, math master units, plumbing and the installation of a dishwasher, a tuba for band, Idaho maps, Califone record player, fiber board inlay puzzle and acoustic centers were purchased.

The revenue didn't slow through the 70s and continued to climb to over five times the amount originally raised in the early 60s.

By 1978, nearly \$4,000 was raised and over 2,500 people were attending the function. Nearly 100 pounds of sweet and sour ribs were served along with a vast variety of around the world main dishes, desserts and salads. Margie Lineberger, Wanda Waite and Sharon and Nolan Taggart chaired the event which was able to purchase playground equipment, projectors, health slides, home EC. Mirrors, a podium, shades for eight rooms, and replenish PTA needs including silverware, cart repair, new booths. decorations, new cart and air

In 1989 the event continued to break records grossing \$12,091 and donating over \$7,000 to the schools. Nearly 3,000 people attended the event. The record was again broken in 1997 with 3,049 people attending, \$18,298



#### **International celebration**

Members in charge of the Hawaiian booth set up during the 4<sup>th</sup> annual International Smorgasbord in 1965 included, from l to r: Vivian Lillie, Toni Jackson, Lois McPhearson, Louise Murray Thompson and Juanita Orr. Although the Hawaiian booth is no longer available during the event, many other booths of international cuisine will offer patrons a wide variety of foods.

totally earnings and \$15,000 awarded to the schools. Scott and Pattie Syme chaired the event and Marc and Val Asumendi were co-chairpersons.

This year the event will be chaired by Dave and Amy Freelove and co-chaired by Joe and Teresa Troxel. It will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue to serve patrons until 7 p.m. at the lunchroom of Homedale Elementary School.

Salad, Mexican feasts, oriental cuisine, Basque edibles, European delicacies, bread, dessert and drinks will be served. An art show with creative paintings, pencil sketches, and drawings from local students will be on display.

Tickets may be purchased from a sixth grade Homedale Middle School student, at Matteson's Owyhee Motors or by contacting any of the Homedale Schools. A family ticket to the event covers two adults and children for a maximum of eight people and

costs \$26. Junior high through adult tickets cost \$6 each and senior citizens, 60 and over tickets are \$5 each. Students from first through the sixth grade tickets are \$3.50 and preschool children will be charged \$2.

To purchase advanced tickets or to volunteer to assist with the event, contact Dave or Amy Freelove at 337-3926 or the Homedale Middle School at 337-5780. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event.

### 4-H news

### **Shoo-Fly 4-H to hold meeting**

The Shoo-Fly 4-H club will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Senior Citizens building in Homedale. They will be filling out registration forms, and are asking members to bring their dues. The group will also be electing officers.



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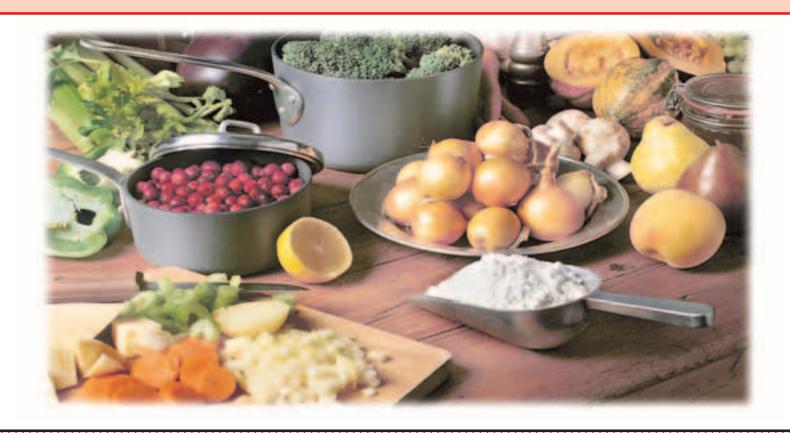
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### Homedale boys can't take McCall

The McCall-Donnelly Vandals overpowered the Homedale Trojans 62-49 in a Class 2A Western Idaho Conference game last Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Though the first quarter ended with an even 14-14 score, McCall took the points lead in the second and fourth quarters. The first half closed with the score 28 to 24 in favor of McCall. During the fourth quarter, the Vandals kept the Trojans down to only nine points and tallied 19.

The Vandals took advantage of their shots at the free throw line sinking 16 of 20 free throws in the game.

The Trojans Kevin Overton scored game high 22 points, including four three-point baskets. Cole Cooper and Jason Bideganeta had seven points each.

McCall-Donnelly was led by Colt Charles who tallied 18 points during that night and 14 points from Gerit Cove.

### **Cole Valley overpowers** Rimrock Raiders

The Cole Valley Christian Chargers wasted no time overpowering the Rimrock Raiders in their Class 1A Western Idaho Conference match last Tuesday, Jan. 29. The Chargers had a massive 73-42 victory over the Raiders thanks to a first quarter that put them ahead 21 to four.

The Raiders attempted a rally in the second and third quarter but could not undo the deficit. Coach Gary Jones of the Raiders praised his team's play during the second and third quarters, but acknowledged thatthe first quarter lead by the Chargers was too

The score was 34 to 21 in the second quarter and 51 to 36 in the third. A massive fourth quarter where the Chargers tallied 22 points against the Raider's six also made for a decisive victory.

The Raiders Wylee Aquiso had the high the team's high with 15 points, followed closely by Mitch Hipwell who tallied 13.

Michael Bayless was the leader for the Chargers with 22 points. Seth Harris had 17 points.

### Nampa Ch. denies Huskies Victory

While the Marsing Huskies fought hard, they could not thwart the Nampa Christian Trojans during a Class 2A Western Idaho Conference game last Wednesday, Jan. 30. The Trojans took down the Huskies 47-36.

Matt Richardson scored 22 points to lead the Nampa Christian team to their victory. Garret Nelson tallied 10 points for the

John Fromm had a double-double night with 11 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Huskies. Will Caldwell added seven points and 11 rebounds for the evening.

Nampa Christian took a 22-19 lead at halftime and 30 25 after three quarters. They kept the Huskies down to 11 points and pulled ahead with 17 points during the fourth quarter.



### Grabbing the rebound

Will Caldwell of Marsing takes the rebound during the match against Nampa Christian.

### Trojan matmen overtake NP **Pilgrims**

The Homedale Trojan wrestlers came out on top of the New Plymouth Pilgrims in their match on Wednesday, Jan. 30. The Trojans prevailed 38 to 29 over the Pilgrims.

The strength of the Trojan upperweight wrestlers helped them to prevail in the close duel. They swept all of the matches from 152 on up. Marcus Eby (112) and Tomas Obregon (152) both came through in extremely close matches. Eby won by one point and Obregon won in overtime. Michael Eby (160) and Pedro Hernandez (215) scored big with first round pins. Mark George was impressive with a win by technical fall at 119. Anthony Pearson sealed the win with a 7-4 decision at heavyweight.

During a Friday and Saturday tournament at Weiser, Robert Ayala took third place and Juan Garcia took fourth in the matches.

The Trojans finished in the middle of the pack last Saturday. They were ninth in the 17-team tournament.

"We were definitely flat on Friday," Homedale Coach Toby Johnson said. "We didn't wrestle as aggressively as I would have liked. We wrestled better on Saturday, winning a lot more matches.'

Robert Ayla (152) and Juan Garcia were particularly impressive, Johnson said.

"Robert wrestled extremely well taking third place. Had he been on the bottom half of the bracket, I think he would have been in the finals. Juan showed a lot of solid talent finishing in the fourth place with four pins."





#### Looking for an opening

Homedale's Josh Brown guards Marsing's Will Caldwell as he looks for an open teammate to pass to.

### Marsing ends losing streak by defeating Trojans 66-60

Through a long, hard fought battle the Marsing Huskies ended their long conference losing streak as they defeated the Homedale Trojans 66-60 last Friday night in Class 2A Western Idaho Conference play.

The game was closely played through the first three quarters, but a fourth quarter 24 points by Marsing over Homedale's 14 put them over the top at the Marsing senior night game.

The Huskies' Will Caldwell led the team with 18 points and six rebounds. John Fromm had 12 points and six rebounds. Gabriel Quebrado added 10 points, nine assists and seven

The Trojans were led by Spencer Batt who tallied 18 points for the night. Kevin Overton followed closely behind with 14 points.

The Huskies honored two seniors from the team at the last home game, John Fromm and Cody McIntyre.

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# Homedale ladies lose to Marsing

The Homedale Trojans could not hold back the Huskies during their district match last Tuesday Jan. 29. Marsing leapt ahead in the first quarter and rode the wave to a 63-51 victory.

The match set Homedale to take on Parma, and Marsing to take on Melba on Tuesday, Feb. 5. The games will be reported

in next week's issue. Homedale, Parma, Marsing and Melba all still have a shot at making the state tournament. In the Marsing vs. Homedale game, Marsing had a 16 to 8 lead in the first quarter. The Trojans came back to make 14 points against the Huskies' 16 in the second quarter. Homedale was just slightly behind Marsing in the third quarter scoring 12-16. Homedale had 17 points in the fourth quarter against Marsing 15 points

Michele Gibbons and Tana Krawl both had 13 points and seven boards during the game for the Trojans.

Marsing powerhouse Amanda Stewart tallied the game high 23 points. Brandi Chadez had 13 points for the evening to boost the Huskies.

"Both sides played pretty close," Homedale Trojans coach Mark Weekes said. He added that there were massive turnovers during the game, 43 for Homedale and 22 for Marsing, calling it a "a real sloppy game."

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### From page 1

### √OCA ...

recognized to dispose of dead cattle is a newly discovered method known as "natural decomposition." A young (very young) spokesman for the Department of Environmental Quality was in the midst of showing his



Rancher Wayne Hage made a surprise appearance with his wife, former Congressman Helen Chenoweth-Hage, to explain the far-reaching implications of his recent federal court victory.

charts and graphs clarifying the mysteries of Total Maximum Daily Loads when he decided to give the crowd a graphic demonstration of how not to operate computer software. Steve West, DEQ Regional Administrator and candidate for Idaho BLM Director who was in the audience, tried to come to the rescue when the

young man ran into an understandable snarl explaining how temperature is actually a pollutant and how fish don't seem to know that it is not possible for them to spawn in water that's been deemed too warm by DEQ "scientists."

After the bureaucrats had all explained the real-life difficulties inherent in solving imaginary problems of their own creation, more serious speakers took the floor.

Eric Davis, current Vice President and President-Elect of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association spoke of the OCA's ever-more-dominant place on the national scene. Lloyd Knight and Dave Nelson of the Idaho Cattle Association gave thorough reports of their own organization's activities. Bill Bullard, CEO of R-Calf explained his group's position (pro) on Country of Origin Labeling, specifically U.S. Senate Bill 280.

The Silver City School project is progressing. Almost a million pounds of Brazilian corned beef has been recalled. "Fast Track" legislation may be good or may be bad. And the Owyhee Initiative just might not be all it was cracked up to be.

A representative of Ford Motor Co. even showed up to try to explain that the company known for its popular pickups is in no way associated with the Ford Foundation which is known for contributing millions of dollars to left-wing causes including environmental extremists. The explanation was not expected to have much effect on the vast fleet of Dodges parked outside the courthouse.

The highlight of the meeting



The Pot Luck dinner and social hour after the OCA meeting was a big hit on its own!

was clearly the surprise appearance of Wayne Hage, fresh from decisive victory in his 10-year court battle, and former Congressman Helen Chenoweth-Hage, who can stir a crowd from a quarter-mile distance.

Many if not most of the participants had read the text of the *Hage v. United States* decision which had come down from Reno just a few days before, but there was not clear agreement about precisely what it meant.

Wayne took the floor to explain. "Much of what I've heard here this afternoon has been all about rules and regulations, and I want to assure you that what I'm going to talk about is not rules and regulations. What I'm going to

talk about is the first decision that's come down from a court of proper jurisdiction that says that a rancher owns vested range rights in his allotments, he owns vested water rights out there on that range, and if the government uses their permit process to block access they are subject to a taking and the United States is liable for compensation."

Wayne said that, during the during the actual trial phase of the proceedings, "the United States never prevailed on one minor point. We never lost on even one minor point."

Details of the groundbreaking and ultimately successful legal strategies deployed in *Hage v. United States*, as well as the wider implications of the federal ruling, will be thoroughly explored in an upcoming exclusive Avalanche interview with Wayne Hage.

Before turning the podium over to his wife Helen, Wayne quoted a few of Senior Judge Loren A. Smith's more breathtaking comments. "While the BLM might commission a genetically engineered cow that will drink only where preprogrammed, until then it is highly unlikely that you will be able to make a cow differentiate between water they can drink because it is on base property and water that is attached to public land. For centuries no one has been able to lead the cow without it drinking at will. In a sense, the point of use for the water is the cow's head, which is an extension of the base ranch." The room naturally filled with applause.

Helen talked about the

unimaginable harassment directed at the Hage family by the Forest Service and the BLM, including felony criminal charges, that prompted Wayne and his family to go for broke in his precedent-setting lawsuit against the government. She quoted several U.S. Supreme Court decisions defining "public lands." "What public lands are are those lands left open for sale or disposition by the federal government. What public lands are not are those lands to which the rights of another attach. The judge here has now defined what those right are."

In closing, Helen said, "What's important is for you to bring your title work up to date. You can't simply say your father and your grandfather used this creek and grazed on this area. You must be able to prove it through your chain of title. Those of us at [Stewards of the Range] will be happy to help guide you so you can bring that title work up, so that you can show vested rights and preserve those rights."

The meeting ran very late, but not late enough to preclude a very sociable social hour and the famous potluck dinner at the Road District Shop that was so good it's better that you don't even know what you missed if you weren't there. All in all, the winter meeting was a long day and evening full of good humor, optimism and a clear view to victory over the forces of bureaucratic evil, which prompted reporter Patricia McCoy of the Capital Press to say, "It was sure worth it coming over here."



**Standing room only** was the rule of the day at the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting at the county courthouse in Murphy on Saturday.

### Homedale below statewide percentile results in basic skills

*By Melanie Hoyt* 

In reviewing results of recent statewide testing of the Homedale School District, the district affirms its commitment to get all students reading at grade level and to reach those students who have limited English proficiency.

The Homedale School District saw decreases in core scores (a combination of reading, language arts, and math results) on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and Tests of Achievement and Proficiency (TAP) in grades third four, five and 11. The district saw increases in core scores at grades six, seven and nine, while grades eight and ten remained stable. Compared with the statewide results, Homedale was below the statewide percentile results in each grade level.

The ITBS and TAP are norm-referenced tests. These types of standardized tests provide educators and parents with information about how a student's score compares with a selected group of other students of the same grade, or a norm group. Most students were tested in October, after about a month into the academic year.

The ITBS tests are multiplechoice tests that measure basic student skills in reading, language arts (spelling, punctuation, etc.), and math. Students take a long-form of the test in grades three, five, seven, and nine, which includes social studies, science, and sources of information questions

Officials say that the students have performed lower when taking the complete battery of tests.

"Historically the Homedale School District scores lower when we give the complete battery," Homedale School District Curriculum Coordinator and Albertson Site Coordinator Kris Hopkins said. "We believe kids get tired of taking so many tests, so they don't take their time. They get worn out."

Sarah Cornell, the counselor for Homedale Middle School, said the tests are useful because they show how district students are fairing in comparison with other students across the

Hopkins said there is a frustration as well with the test because it gives a percentile ranking and the district has more of a focus on ensuring that students are performing at grade level. So the district looks as well at the ITBS and TAP results translated in to gradelevel equivalents as well.

Hopkins said that a small school districts can see great variations because of the greater impact of each student's score to the district's average, something that that's not seen as much in the larger districts with a higher number of

students which lessens the with fluency for all students, impact of each individual score on the average.

"You don't see this kind of variation year to year in a large school, but in a small school you do because you don't have as many students to average. You'll notice variations in ours and Marsing's much more that you will like in Caldwell and Boise."

Homedale School District Superintendent Bob Lisonbee said that he would have liked to see more of an increase in the district's scores across the board and higher percentile rankings in comparison with the state scores. But he also pointed out the district's strengths.

"The thing I noticed clear through it is our strong point is math," Lisonbee said. "That's our strongest point. And if you look at science, science seems to be fairly good when you get up into the higher grades anyway."

District officials say one of the greatest challenges is presented by the high number of students in the district that are limited in their English proficiency. In a student is struggling with English literacy, the struggle crosses over into other subjects as well, because of the necessity of reading to learning. The district began an English immersion program this year to help those limited English proficiency become fluent.

The district breaks out the ITBS and TAP test results in various ways, one format shows the results just for students with limited English proficiency and another gave results just for students who are fluent in English.

"We know where the issues are. They're with our English language learner population. Those are the kids that we've really got to work with to increase their reading," Hopkins said. "Without exception our kids who are native English speakers are on grade level in reading."

The district has established a new class at the high school for students who are not on grade level in reading. It's a two-hour block of English and linguistics that was started last year and has expanded to an offering of three classes as of the second semester this year, Homedale High School Principal Mike Williams said.

The district has also set a goal of having all students reading at grade level by 2005, and principals are working with teachers to work on a plan to move toward that goal.

"We believe that if we improve our reading scores, all of the other scores will naturally improve as well," Hopkins said.

The focusing on reading and a writing program should help allowing them to read and comprehend information at a faster rate

'We've noticed one of the low areas on the IRI (the Idaho Reading Indicator statewide test) was fluency," Hopkins said. "When take ITBS tests you have to be a fluent reader because everything is timed. We don't know for sure, but I'm sure that has some affect on it."

The district is also working on establishing a sense in students of the importance of the tests and inspire them to work hard and do their best on the test.

"They do not understand

would do for them. It's just something they have to do and why work at it that hard it doesn't change anything," Cornell said.

Across Idaho scores remained stable in the final year of testing all students in grades three through 11, according to released scores Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard. Idaho's core scores were steady or up slightly from the prior year.

"We continue to see Idaho students do well on this test," Howard said "We also were encouraged to see stronger performance in reading at the

why it's important or what it third grade during the past three years. We believe that is an effect of the state's reading initiative."

> This month, the State Board of Education is asking the Legislature to approve a new comprehensive assessment plan for Idaho schools based on the state's achievement standards. The plan eliminates the state requirement for all students in grades three through11 to take the ITBS and TAP, which has been in place since the 1995-96 school

> An overview of the Marsing School District scores will be published in the Jan. 30

Avalanche.

#### **ITBS Core Scores**

<b>School</b>	<u>Year</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>7<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>8<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>9<sup>th</sup></u>	<u> 10<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>11th</u>
State	This Year	55	51	48	54	56	56	52	55	54
	Last Year	54	50	48	53	56	56	51	55	54
Homedale	ThisYear Last Year		41 44	35 46		46 44	49 49	53 45	48 48	48 52

Note: The Core Scores are a combination of reading, language arts, and math results. The National Mean is 50.

### School menu

### February 11 – **February 15, 2002**

#### **Homedale Elementary**

Monday: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, chocolate cookie and choice of milk.

Tuesday: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, applesauce, animal cookies and choice of milk.

Wednesday: French bread pizza or beef nuggets, corn, pineapple, pudding and choice of milk.

Thursday: Chicken fillet or CF beef steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peaches, Valentine cake and choice of milk.

Friday: Spaghetti or hot pocket, French bread, green beans, pears and choice of milk.

#### Homedale Middle

Monday: Spaghetti, bread stick, vegetable and fruit or salad bar and choice of milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, beef nuggets, or chef salad, vegetable, fruit, cinnamon roll and choice of milk.

Wednesday: Pizza or deli sandwich, tossed salad, fruit, cookie and choice of milk.

Thursday: Tacos, corn and fruit or salad bar and choice of

Friday: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, and fruit or salad bar and choice of milk.

#### **Homedale High**

Monday: Pizza, fajita or ribb-que, salad, fruit, dessert and choice of milk

Tuesday: Beef nuggets, or BBQ chicken bites, mashed potato/gravy, roll, fruit and choice of milk.

Wednesday: Lasagna, burrito or tuna sandwich/soup, French bread, salad, fruit and choice of milk.

Thursday: Chicken patty, hamburger or deli sandwich, fries, fruit, dessert and choice of milk.

Friday: Crispito/taco salad or pizza, corn, fruit and choice of milk.

### **Marsing School District**

Monday: Burrito w/choice fixings, buttered rice, carrot sticks, variety milk, Chinese egg roll, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

Tuesday: Red Baron pizza, fruit variety, garden salad w/ dressing, Rice Krispy treats, variety milk, soup and sandwich, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

Wednesday: Chicken soup and crackers, fruit variety, garden vegetable, variety milk, sandwich. submarine condiments, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets and sauce, fruit variety, fresh vegetable sticks, maple bar, variety milk, French dip, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

Friday: Sloppy Joe sandwich, fruited jello, fresh vegetable sticks, variety milk, burrito w/choice fixings, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

### **Senior news**

#### Homedale

Linedancing will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6, followed by pinochle at 1

Baked fish, scallop potatoes, veggies, salad, roll and cookies will be served on Thursday, Feb. 7. The shopping bus will be in Homedale at 2 p.m. A foot and blood pressure clinic will be offered from 9 a.m. till noon that day as well.

Breakfast, including bacon, eggs, hashbrowns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, toast and juice will be served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 8.

A Valentine's Dance will held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, with music by Yesterday's Country.

The Grandma's Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 11.

Lasagna, veggies, salad, garlic bread and fruit will be served on Tuesday, Feb. 12. There will also be music, bingo and bridge. The board will meet at 1 p.m. that day.

#### **Marsing**

Swiss Steak over rice, carrot/ raisin salad, green beans, rolls and fruit with jello will be served on Thursday, Feb. 7. There will also be music.

Lion's Bingo will be held on the Saturday, Feb. 9, at Marsing Elementary School.

Meatballs over noodles, green beans, jello with vegetables, rolls and pumpkin pie will be served on Monday, Feb. 11.

Bacon or sausage, eggs, hot cakes, waffles, juice and coffee will be served for breakfast on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

### **Editor's notebook**

Joe Aman

### Rewriting history

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin are not included in the revised version of the New Jersey Department of Education history standards, according to an article in the Washington Times last week.

The article went on to say that the NJDE had also eliminated the word "Pilgrims" from their standards, because it "implies religion", and that's not politically correct. Not even if it's a part of history. Real history, not a fabricated, false, misleading, lying history.

(It would be comical – were it not so despicable — to see how these social spinners would re-write the history of the Israelite nation without mentioning

We hear and read a lot about the "separation clause". What does the Constitution say on this subject? Read the first part of the first amendment:

> "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;"

No other reference is made in the Constitution regarding religion. And yet it has become wrong to display the Ten Commandments or a manger scene on

public property. Students are forbidden to pray on school grounds. Cadets are denied the right to say grace before eating their meals. The list is endless. Now, the education brains of New Jersey are rewriting history to eliminate any trace of religion or religious leadership.

And they keep referring to the fabled "separation clause". With the goal to wipe out religion from our history, and thereby diminishing its importance and its role in the present and the future, it's no wonder they have eliminated our first president from their standards.

In his farewell address, given on September 17, 1796, President Washington charged the nation with guarding liberty and freedom. He admonished the citizens to remain unified against enemies who would destroy what they had fought so hard to obtain.

In his speech, Washington said:

"Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connexions with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked, Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in Courts of Justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect, that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

It's more than just George Washington's name those New Jersey skeptics wish to obliterate. It's a reference to anything religious. It is, therefore, certainly obvious they would not include his farewell address in their classroom studies.

### Second thoughts

One thing about being an editor is that once something is in print, it's difficut to claim you were misquoted, or deny saying something, or, as in this case, correct it once you mull it over.

So, I'll get to the point.

In last week's column I called for Sate Senator Robbi King-Barrutia to resign in light of her second DUI while serving in the legislature.

I was too hasty in my judgement, and regretted it when I saw it in print. Robbi has acknowledged a problem and has vowed to seek help in overcoming that problem. She deserves another chance.

All of us have done things some time in our lives for which we're not proud. All of us have made mistakes. And all of us, at one time or another, have been cut slack for those mistakes. Robbi is doing a good job in the legislature, and I would ask two things of her: that she keep the determination to overcome this battle, and that she hang in there and not resign.

Good luck, Robbi, on both counts. And, my apologies for my quick judgement.

### Quote

One always has time enough, if one will apply it well.

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

### Front sight

Robert Boatman

### The end is near

Too often for my comfort during the last couple of weeks I've heard rancher after farmer after rancher concede the inevitability of defeat in their war against government bureaucratic abuse even while fighting a vigorous defensive battle. Sandwich-board wisdom notwithstanding, one of the truest maxims in the history of conflict remains: the best defense is a good offense.

Cops and soldiers in advanced weapons classes are shown how a man with a knife can travel 21 feet and cut your throat before you can draw a holstered handgun. The obvious lesson is that a non-aggressive position is tantamount to suicide. Unrelenting assault is required to keep the end at bay.

Look at the Hage case. After 10 long years, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims on January 29 finally handed Wayne Hage what is being celebrated as a major victory over the BLM and the USFS. Hage won because he

never allowed his enemies to seize the initiative. He never blinked.

Legal precedents set in the landmark Hage decision bode well for the Lowry case, the Hanley case, the Fretwell case and more. The ruling is expected to detonate repercussions far and wide, including Klamath Falls and even Jarbidge.

Word of staggering victory always spreads fast. The taste of blood is always energizing. The attacker always has a powerful advantage over the attacked. There's never anything wrong with kicking your adversary in the teeth when he's down if you expect him to stay there.

The political tide is once again changing. It is now the power-mad government agencies that are covering their vitals with defensive posturing. It is all those prissy little social engineers with their left-wing agendas who are going to be doing the compromising from now on. Vile interlopers of the Jon Marvel ilk are breaking out in beads of sweats at the prospect of staring down the wrong end of a double-barreled lawsuit.

Those with the courage of their convictions who have gone on the offensive and taken the battle to the enemy are beginning to turn the tables. Not that it's time for a trip to the South of France to enjoy any spoils of victory. Not that anyone should be so naive as to trust their soul to a bunch of courtroom lawyers. Not that we should break out in a terminal fit of magnanimity and uncock all those loaded shotguns.

Another timeless truism is that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. That means never letting your enemy get the drop on you. Because no matter how near or far the end may be, our job is to keep it nearer to our enemies and farther from our friends.

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### Commentary

### On the edge of common sense

Baxter Black, DVM

### Can the public handle the truth?

Can the public handle the truth?

- "Mommy, where do babies come from?"
- "The stork brings them, dear."
- "Mommy, where does milk come from?"
- "The grocery store, now be quiet and eat your hot dog."

There are folks who continue to believe milk comes from the grocery store long after they've quit putting out milk and cookies for Santa. But when is a good time for Junior to be told the hamburger or chicken nuggets he's eating required a live sacrifice.

It is obvious that many consumers are long past voting age before they vaguely began to relate agriculture to food, cowboy to cow, or lamb to chop.

A frequent tactic of animal rights people is to

paint the killing of animals for consumption as a ghastly act. It can be very effective in the susceptible. However, for the vast 97% of us, we accept it as a part of life's cycle.



In the politically correct years leading up to September 11th, livestock producers and marketers have become very timid. Mincing around words like packing house, slaughter and death. This is being done to deliberately separate what consumers eat, from the cuddly lamb Beeny Babies

and the little red hen, of story book fame.

I've often felt that urban people who eat food can handle the truth. They don't have to get blood on their hands but neither must they be treated like two-year-olds. The "growing up" of America since 9-11 has made us look at things less frivolously. We have less interest in and

tolerance for loonies, dividers, whiners and slackers.

What once was considered eccentric is now considered juvenile or irritating. Common sense has returned as a guideline in airports, law enforcement, and commerce. This common sense also carries over into our daily lives. We are now making practical concessions without "making a big deal of it", to long lines, Internet viruses, or I.D. checks and government intrusion. We need only to look toward New York City or Kabul to realize how petty our own griping can seem.

This renewed acceptance of reality has opened people's eyes to things they once ignored, i.e., home grown oil, genetically modified foods and animal agriculture. And we who supply the necessities of life can assume that the public knows the truth and can accept it.

So the next time your sister's 19-year-old techno geek son says he sure likes the buffalo wings at the sports bar, you might remind him that's why chickens can't fly.

### Accuracy in media

Reed Irvine

### Someone has finally talked

Those who accept the government's claim that the crash of TWA Flight 800 was caused by a fuel-tank explosion dismiss the evidence that the plane was shot down accidentally by missiles launched in a Navy exercise off the Long Island coast. They say that such an accident could not have been covered up because a lot of Navy personnel would have known about it, and some of them would have talked. One of them has finally done so. He recently said in an interview that I recorded that he was on the deck of a Navy submarine very close to the crash site and saw TWA 800 shot down.

He was brought to my attention by an acquaintance of his who told me that this retired Navy petty officer had said he was "underneath TWA 800 when he saw a missile hit it and the 747 explode overhead." He had told this acquaintance that he had given a statement to the FBI when they returned to their port, and that the FBI had checked all their torpedo tubes and all their missile silos to make sure they had all the missiles on board that they had when they left port. Asked if there were other military vessels in the area, he had said, "Yes, several."

When Pierre Salinger, at a press conference in March 1997, declared that TWA Flight 800 had been shot down accidentally by a U.S. Navy missile, this former presidential press secretary, U.S. Senator and ABC News correspondent, was mercilessly attacked by his former colleagues. They accused him of peddling unsubstantiated Internet gossip. Salinger said that his information had been confirmed by a source who learned of the Navy's involvement from a friend who had a son in the Navy. The son was said to have personal knowledge that a Navy missile had downed the plane, but his father did not want to

be identified, fearing his son would suffer retaliation for disclosing information the Navy was hiding.

There are hundreds of Navy and Coast Guard personnel, as well as some FBI, CIA, FAA, NTSB and former White House employees who know that the real cause of the crash of TWA 800 was papered over with a tissue of lies. Two of them, James Kallstrom and George Stephanopoulos, have made statements that indicate an official cover-up. Stephanopoulos, a Clinton adviser who is now an ABC News correspondent, mentioned on the air a secret meeting in the White House situation room "in the aftermath of the TWA 800 bombing." Kallstrom, who headed the FBI's TWA 800 investigation, told me-and I have this on tapethat three radar targets close to the crash site were Navy vessels on a classified maneuver. We know they were submarines because the radar tracks disappeared when TWA 800 crashed.

Our newly found talker was on one of those submarines. The Navy claims that it was at least 80 miles from the crash site, but he says it was very close, and that is confirmed by the radar tracks. In our taped interview, he was more guarded than he had been with his acquaintance. He said he didn't want to do anything that might "mess up" his retirement.

He said he saw "something come up." "I don't know what in the hell it was," he said, "but that's what it looked..." Not completing what he started to say, he said, "You know, something went up." He estimated that it went up about a mile from his location, which was only a few miles from the shore. He said there were a couple of other subs nearby. When told that the radar tracks of all three disappeared because they submerged when the plane went down, he said, "Yeah, that's what we did."

He acknowledged that a number of Navy vessels were heading for W-105, a large area of the ocean south of Long Island that is used for

naval maneuvers. He said that nothing they did off Long Island was classified, but he was not comfortable in discussing it.

When I called him a few days later, he was scared to death. He feared the Navy would withdraw his pension if I reported what he had said. It was not possible to convince him that the Navy couldn't do that. Not wanting to worsen his anxiety, his name and other details are being withheld as we try to get his and other interview reports that the FBI has withheld.



### Looking back...

### from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

### 25 years ago

**January 27, 1977** 

#### Nine-month county budget proposed

MURPHY – The transition in county budgeting from an annual proposal to a nine-month period requires a deep study into the proposed budget, made public last week. The nine-month budget is a "transition" budget as the first phase of the new concept of "cash basis" budgeting approved by the legislature last year.

Hence, the salaries and wages in various departments show an approximate 25 percent decrease from those dollars spent during 1976. This is, of course, salaries and wages for the nine-month period, not the full year.

Possibly the most staggering figure in the budget is the \$92,750 proposal made for the Court House and Grounds department. This figure (still only for nine months) is \$75,720.68 higher than the 1976 figure. Commission Chairman Howard Bergeson explained that the proposed new county agent's office is the reason for the high figure, and is for this budgeting period only.

District Court budget went from \$4,053.95 (1976) to \$16,582 (nine months) and, according to Bergeson is primarily a budget balance.

A budget of \$13,300 is shown in the Airport fund column, and is earmarked for land acquisition and surveying at Murphy.

The Pest Control budget went from zero dollars in 1976 to \$69,836 for the three-quarters of 1977. This, Bergeson said, is to purchase inventory for resale to farmers for the gopher eradication.

Indigent and Charity was raised from \$34,405.77 (1976) to \$43,708 (first nine months of 1977).

The road and bridge budget increased \$35,682.12, but, Bergeson explained, is contingent to the receipt of "in lieu of taxes" monies from the BLM.

#### FmHA is owner of swimming pool

The Homedale Swimming Pool Association turned over its facility to the Farmer's Home Administration last Wednesday afternoon, and thereby cancelled its obligation to the government agency for over \$60,000.

President of the local association, Bob Cook, explained that the income from the pool has not even paid the maintenance and operation of the facility, and has been subsidized by the city of Homedale and the Chamber of Commerce. Many individuals have also helped with the operation, he said. He added that all current bills – except the load – were paid up.

Randall Johnson, representing the FmHA, told the group that his agency "feels we've gone as far as we can," adding that it was not the intent of the FmHA to own a swimming pool. The next move, Johnson said, would be to approach the city of Homedale and try to work out an alternative to continue operation of the facility. The pool is located on city property, and the lease is contingent to continued operation, it was pointed out.

Johnson said that if no deal could be worked out with the city, the facility would be offered for sale at public auction. Herb Fritzley, secretary of the swimming pool group, gave a report on the condition of the pool equipment and stated that it would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 to bring the facility up to par.

Attending the signing of the necessary papers to convey the facility back to the Farmers Home Administration were Cook, Fritzley, Hal Tolmie, Norm Tolmie and Joe Aman from Homedale; Johnson and Dennis Dines, representing the FmHA. The meeting was held the FmHA offices in Marsing.

#### **Chronicle places first**

Owyhee Chronicle Publisher Joe Aman received a plaque awarded him for first place in editorial writing among weekly newspapers throughout Idaho during 1976. The award was presented to Aman at the Idaho Newspaper Association's annual convention.

### 50 years ago

**January 31, 1952** 

### **Homedale Could Lose Its Cannery**

The Homedale school board has had the community cannery returned to its jurisdiction by the L.D.S. Church who had found it unprofitable to run during the past two seasons.

As the local school district is responsible for the operation of the cannery but can't expend any of the district's funds to operate it the question that is bothering the board is whether or not the local people want the cannery and will support it, according to Superintendent of Schools Keith Jacob.

If there isn't sufficient interest shown the equipment will have to be returned to the state board of education as they own practically all the equipment though it is out on permanent loan as long as it used or controlled by the school district.

### **Board Completes Tour To All County Schools**

The Owyhee county board of education visited Marsing schools Monday forenoon and spent the afternoon visiting Homedale schools. With these two visits the board completed its tour of all schools in the county.

Members present were Chairman Andrew Johnstone, Mrs. Mary Grammer, secretary; L.R. Selders, Ted Blackstock and Willard Harder.

#### **District Buys Land for Building Site**

The Homedale highway district has purchased the north half of block 82 from Leo Bright and will move its buildings from the present location across from the city hall.

Foundations for the buildings are now being prepared at the new location. Land now occupied by the buildings belongs to Gem Irrigation district.

### **Extension Specialists To Discuss Problems of Poultry, Swine**

Reid Merrill, extension poultry specialist from the University of Idaho, Moscow, will discuss poultry problems, stressing brooding and feeding problems at a meeting to be held Thursday, February 7, at 8 p.m., at the Marsing high school.

Wade Wells, extension swine specialist, will speak on farrowing and feed problems at the Homedale high school February 12 at 8 p.m.

G.I. training groups and all interested persons are invited to attending.

### **Reservoir Is Expected to Fill Again**

Owyhee reservoir will probably fill again this year snow condition in the upper watershed indicate.

First of January storage this year was even better than a year ago when the reservoir did fill for the first time in several years. January 1 storage this year was also better than it has been anytime in recent years and well above the 10-year average.

On January 1, 1952, the storage was 426,630 acre feet, as compared to 421,400 acre feet a year ago, 377,100 acre feet two years ago, 260,400 three years ago and 275 in 1948. The 10-year average is 414,800 acre feet. The storage measurement of January 24, 1951, was 440,000 acre feet.

According to snow courses listed in the January 1 issue of the federal-state co-operative snow survey and irrigation water bulletin, at Silver City station there was 54.0 inches of snow, with 14.4 inches water content; South mountain station No. 2 showed 40 inches of snow, with 11.0 inches of water content. At these two stations the water content recorded is the greatest since survey have been made in the past seven years.

### 134 years ago

Jan. 25, 1868

NEW BANK FOR BOISE CITY. – Thos. Cole, Jr., & Co., enterprising bankers of this place, have made arrangements and will soon start a general banking business in Boise City. Mr. Cole, the chief business member of the firm, has been doing a very successful business here during the last few months. A large portion of the bullion shipped below by Wells, Fargo & Co. over the Railroad Stage line, is bought by him, for which he pays coin or greenbacks here, or else gives checks on Wells, Fargo & Co. in San Francisco and various other places, as suits the convenience of his customers.

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ARRIVED.—Mr. Sandburn, one of the purchasers of the Rising Star mine in Flint, arrived in town this week from San Francisco. He was accompanied with a Mr. Clark, from Virginia, who, we understand, is to be foreman of the mine. They went over to Flint on Wednesday; will commence immediate sinking on the mine, and putting it in proper shape for working. We are told that an engine for hoisting purposes will be here in a short time. It is the intention of the parties to erect a large mill as early as the season will permit.

"GONE ALAS LIKE THE MANY." – John McMahon started for California on Thursday's stage, ostensibly for the purpose of buying coal &c. to run his foundry, but report says that friend John will be a "very married" man when he returns. Nothing like it – every better half brought into the country is as beneficial as a rich and newly discovered quartz ledge, which does much towards swelling the production of Owyhee.

REMOVAL. – Mr. A.D. Miller is now busily engaged moving his large building, known as Miller's Exchange, in the defunct city of Ruby, to the Oro Fino Mountain, near the Ida Elmore and Golden Chariot mines. It will ready for business in about three weeks, and will be used as a boarding house for the mines as well as for the accommodation of transient patronage. It is understood that upon its completion it will be dedicated by a regular, jolly, old-fashioned "house-warming."

FROZEN.—According to all accounts the weather has been much colder in Jordan Valley and at the Owyhee River than here. Last week, Mr. Lockwood, of the Owyhee Ferry, had his hands and feet badly frozen by working in the water, cutting ice, &c., while crossing the stage. Owing to the large quantities of ice in the river at present it is impossible to run the large boat but the stages are not detained, as they meet both ways at the ferry and passengers and baggage are taken across in a small boat.

BILL BEACHEY'S stages from Boise City and Hunter's arrive and depart regularly. Our California and Nevada exchanges now arrive on time. The reason why our Virginia exchanges failed to connect for couple weeks was that they got out of paper being unable to obtain a supply across the Sierras, on account of the storm. Everything is all right now.

COUNTRACT LET. – The contract for furnishing supplies for the Boise Indian Agency has been let at the following prices: bacon, 34 cents; beans, 20 cts.; sugar, 36 cts.; flour, \$7.86 per hundred; fresh beef. 13 1/3 cts.

HOWARD'S pack train came over from Reynold's Creek last Thursday, on its way to Sinker Creek, whence it will bring to this place a load of corn.

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CITY OF GRAND VIEW	EXPENDITURES	BUDGET %
ADMINISTRATION-PAYROLL	\$4,521.76	$\phantom{aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa$
BACKHOE MAINT	\$0.00	0%
CAPITOL OUTLAY	\$0.00	0%
CITY PARK MAINT/SUP/REP	\$240.00	15%
CONTINGENCY FUND	\$0.00	0%
DUES	\$125.00	20%
ELECTIONS	\$623.56	56%
ENGINEERING & SURVEYING	\$0.00	0%
FIRE HYDRANTS & SUPPLIES	\$0.00	0%
INSURANCE & BONDS	\$2,366.00	97%
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$0.00	0%
OFFICE SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, & S.D. BO	OX FEE \$149.00	5%
PROFESSIONAL SÉRVICES: AUDIT/LEG		0%
PUBLISHING'S	\$0.00	0%
SEMINARS	\$0.00	0%
UTILITIES	\$336.65	15%
VEHICLE MAINT	\$465.89	97%
CITY OF GRAND VIEW-STREET & ROAD	EXPENDITURES	$\underline{\mathrm{BUDGET\%}}$
ADMINISTRATION-PAYROLL	\$3,819.70	$\phantom{aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa$
BACKHOE, MOWER, & TRACTOR MAINT	Γ. \$0.00	0%
CAPITAL ÓUTLAY	\$0.00	0%
CONTINGENCY FUND	\$0.00	0%
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$301.19	15%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: AUDIT/LEG	AL \$0.00	0%
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2/6/02

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO AMEND REPAYMENT CONTRACTS WITH RESPECT TO THE RECLAMATION REFORM ACT OF 1982

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is in the process of amending contracts with a few irrigation water entities (including the Gem, Ridgeview, and Owyhee Irrigation Districts) for the purpose of conforming the existing repayment contracts to Sections †203 through 208 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA). The RRA contains a number of provisions to modernize the original 1902 Reclamation Act. Sections 203 through 208 increase the number of acres an individual may irrigate with federal project water. The limitation is expanded from 160 of owned acres (320 for husband and wife) to 960 acres.

Written data, views, and comments concerning the proposed contract actions may be submitted to Reclamation, Attention: PN-3323, 1150 N Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise ID 83706, until February 28, 2002. Copies of the proposed contracts may be obtained upon request from that address or by calling (208) 378-5346.

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Sealed bids for furnishing all materials, equipment, labor, and services of all kinds for construction of the City of Homedale Municipal Water Supply Well will be received at:

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83628

UNTIL 4:00 P.M., March 6, 2002

I m m e d i a t e l y thereafter, †such proposals will be publicly opened and read at City Hall. A contract will be awarded or bids rejected within sixty (60) days after their opening.

opening.

The Work consists of constructing a new well houe complete with building, mechanical piping, chlorination equipment, submersible pump and starter, electrical equipment, telemetry equipment, and all associated appertenances.

Bid packages may be obtained from the City of Homedale at the address listed below for a non-refundable charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00):

City of Homedale, Idaho Attention: Pamela K. Dugger 31 West Wyoming Street Homedale, Idaho 83628 Phone: (208) 337-4641

An optional pre-bid information meeting will be held at the Homedale City Hall at 2:00 p.m., February 20, 2002.

Bids must be submitted on the forms furnished in the Contract Documents, and each bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to the City of Homedale in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the total bid. A Performance Bond and payment Bond with a corporate surety, each in the amount of one hundred (100) percent of the contract price will be required.

Sealed envelopes containing the proposal shall be so marked and addressed to Pamela K. Dugger at the above address. 2/6. 13/02

#### NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703 or received by mail at P.O. Box 7129, BOISE, 83707, IDAHO ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o'clock p.m., on the 26th day of February, 2002, for the work of constructing seal coat on US-95, from Oregon State Line MP 00.00 to Jct. SH-55 MP 26.26; Oregon State Ln to Jct SH-55 known as Idaho Federal Aid Project No. STP-3110(131), in Owyhee County, Key No. 8414.

[FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RONCERNING THIS PROPOSAL, PLEASE CONTACT RESIDENT

ENGINEER \*\*\*GARY HAZEN\*\*\* AT (208) 459-7420.]

The Idaho Transportation Department, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability in consideration for award

Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal forms, and other information may be obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho.

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\* C O M P U T E R I Z E D BIDDING DISKETTES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST\*

The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the State of Idaho.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable proposal guaranty. This guaranty must be in the form of a Certified Check or a Cashier's Check drawn on an Idaho bank in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a Bidder's Bond in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid.

Bidders shall obtain a license from the Idaho Public Works Contractors State License Board (208)327-7326 before award will be made, as provided in Subsection 103.02 and 107.03 of the Idaho

The Contractor will be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates of the general wage decision for the project, as set out in the bid proposal. Such rates will be made a part of the contract covering the project. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (U.S.C.A. Title 29, Paragraphs 201-219, Chapter 8) shall apply in the employment of labor for this project.

It is the purpose of the Idaho Transportation Board to build the improvement in the shortest time consistent with good construction. Necessary equipment and an effective organization will be insisted upon.

Dated
January 25, 2002
JIMMY D. ROSS, P.E.
Chief Engineer

1/30, 2/6/02

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Case No. SP-02-01613\*M

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate

RAY E. PERSHALL, Deceased.

### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented both to the undersigned at the address indicated,

and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of

January, 2002.

Lola Gardner Pershall

Mark J. Flitton
c/o William F. Yost
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1275
Nampa, Idaho 83686
Telephone: (208) 466-9222

#### NOTICE OF BID

1/30, 2/6, 13/02

SEALED BIDS will be accepted by Owyhee County Road and Bridge for a new 2002 spreader chip with hydrostatically driven front wheel drive. The chip spreader should have all standard features on chip spreader; air gate control panel with individual gate switches, all automatic gauges and application rate. The following options shall be included: 15 foot fixed hopper, 225 HP or more (Caterpillar or Cummins) wide base 385/65R22.5 tires, air seat, individual air gate controls, (full width across hopper) and strobe light, one man operators station, canopy over driver and hopper operator. The bid shall include pre-delivery and start up training, operator, parts and maintenance manuals, oneyear full warranty for all parts and labor. FOB: Owyhee County Shop shipped 60 to 90 days on acceptance of bid. Sealed bids must be delivered to the Owyhee County Clerk's Office, Murphy, Idaho no later than 5:00 pm, March 1, 2002. Bids will be opened at 11:45 am, March 4, 2002 at the Annex, Commissioners' Murphy, Idaho. Any questions should be directed to Larry McDaniel at (208) 495-1170 or Dave Miller at (208) 845-2746. 1/30, 2/6/02

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OWYHEE COUNTY **BOARD OF** COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, **JANUARY 22, 2002 COMMISSIONERS'** ANNEX, MURPHY, **IDAHO BEGINNING AT** 10:00 AM

Present for the meeting were Commissioner Hal Tolmie, Commissioner Dick Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Salove, Clerk Cynthia Eaton, Sheriff Gary Aman, Prosecutor Ed Yarbrough, Larry McDaniel, Robert Boatman and Shelly Frisbie.

The Sheriff reported that Geo-Com has been working with the Post Office to coordinate the addressing and that all address information is in the hands of Post Office  $Personnel. \, The \, Post \, Office \, will \,$ begin addressing in Marsing and a new zip code will be assigned to those in the Opaline, Givens and Walters Ferry currently using the Melba zip code. Post Office Personnel will notify residents of the changes and when the new addressing will take effect by mail.

The Board reviewed and approved payment of the County Bills.

The Board reviewed the letter and statements from the City of Homedale requesting cost sharing of the utilities. The Board approved \$200 to the City of Homedale in response to the letter.

The Board reviewed a letter Legislature  $_{
m the}$ requesting nominees for the annual Memorial Service Recognition.

The Board made no nominations at this time.

The Board reviewed and approved the report from the Opaline Tipping Station. The catering permit for the Owyhee Cattlemen was approved and signed. The Board reviewed and approved the Certificates of Residency for the following students of the College of Southern Idaho: Travis Hulet, Amanda Skeen, Kera Giedd, Anita Miller, Jody Billiard, Tara Kelly, Kyle Kelly, Peggy Dempsey, Mike Dempsey, Michelle Dempsey, and Brian Smith. The Board received a letter of resignation from Lin Lentfer who has been in charge of leasing the Armory for the past fourteen months. Lin recommended Pam Carson of Homedale as her replacement. The Board moved and approved Pam Carson to be in charge of the Armory rentals. Board approved the minutes for January 7 and 14, 2002.

Larry McDaniel presented the Board with estimates on the cost of a new chipper. Commissioner Reynolds directed Mr. McDaniel to check on a used chipper offered for sale by a private contractor. Bid information will be published in the Owyhee Avalanche and specifications will be made available.

INDIGENT AND CHARITY Cases 02-01 and 02-02 are new applications and the Board signed liens on both cases.

Jim Desmond, Natural Resources Director, reported

to the Board that the archeological check list still has not been received from the BLM. The botanical check list has been received and a letter to the contractors will be submitted to the Board at the next meeting. Two new prospects for the Owyhee Watershed Council have been submitted and will be reviewed by the Committee. Steve West has made a request to speak with the Owyhee Cattlemen on why he should be the next BLM Director. Discussion was held on the Catherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Expeditions, the letter has been submitted to the Sheriff, Board, and NRC. The Protocol agenda with the BLM has been reassessed and the Board authorized a letter suggesting an alternative agenda. The Board also authorized a letter Howard Hedrick emphasizing that the participation of Jim Desmond and Dr. Chad Gibson in the Intergovernmental Coordinating Group is a part of the process but not the complete coordination process required under federal regulations. The Board expects to be directly involved in all aspects of the planning process for the Bruneau and Birds of Prey RMPs as required by law.

Board moved into Executive Session and upon moving out Executive Session determined that no action was necessary.

Lee Jones did not appear for his scheduled meeting with Board and the Board directed that a letter be sent to Mr. Jones detailing the meeting schedule and that his compliance with the County Ordinances was required.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned. Signed this 28th day of January 2002.

Hal Tolmie, Chairman ATTEST: Cynthia Eaton, Clerk to the Board

2/6/02

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 11, 2002, at the hour of eleven o'clock a.m. of said day, on the steps of Owyhee County the Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public action to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

The West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, in Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Trustee has  $knowledge\,of\,a\,more\,particular$ description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 119 SOMMER CAMP ROAD, IDAHO, MELBA, may sometimes be associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by SHERRY M. ELIAS, a married woman, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, as Trustee, and HOPKINS NORTHWEST FUND, L.L.C., an Idaho Limited Liability Company, "as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series "NW" Debenture Holders," as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on December 20, 2000, as Instrument No. 234631, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated December 12, 2000, in the amount of \$632.67 per month, including both principal and interest, for November 2001 through December 2001 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges in the amount of \$25.31 per month for November 2001 through December 2001 and each month thereafter until paid, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of

trust, and Idaho law. The balance owing as of the date thereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$13,923.37 in principal, plus accrued interest at the rate of eighteen percent (18.00%) per annum from November 21, 2001, plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of five percent (5.00%) per annum from January 3, 2002, until the default is cured, plus service charges, late charges. and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of

Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2002.

WILLIAM R. SNYDER & ASSOCIATED A Professional Association By: Mark D. Perison, of the

Attorneys for Trustee

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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, to-wit:

LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 6 OF THE AMENDED PLAT OF TOWNSITE THEHOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDÍNG TOTHE 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. 6<sup>th</sup> N., Homedale, ID 83628 may sometimes be associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Lloyd Schoonover and Sherry Schoonover, husband and wife, as Grantor(s), to Pioneer Title, as Trustee, Michael L. Schindele, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Associated Home Equity, as Beneficiary, said Deed of Trust dated September 25, 2000, and recorded September 27, 2000, as Instrument No. 233843, Mortgage Records of Owyhee

County, Idaho.
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 date of sale 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 assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

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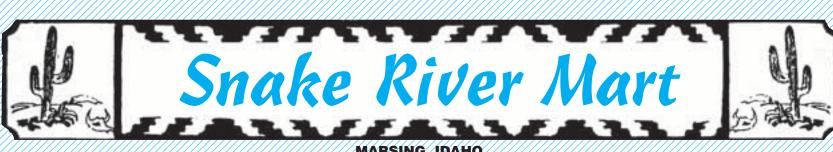
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