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17 students charged at weekend party

*Athletic programs could
suffer during district and
state competitions*

With district and state sporting competitions just around the corner, the last thing the Homedale School District needed was to lose nine students from its athletic programs due to juvenile drinking charges, but that is exactly what the local district will see after 17 juveniles were charged with minor in possession (MIP) in Malheur County May 3.

The Malheur County Sheriff's Office raided three desert parties Friday night and among them was a party of nearly 25 juveniles from the Homedale and Wilder area. Eleven juveniles were students at Homedale High School and nine of them are involved in spring sports. Seven of those arrested have been, or could be, suspended from sporting events at the school because of the district's new participation policy.

Malheur County Undersheriff Brian Wolfe said his department had information about two parties that were taking place near the Owyhee Reservoir. In the process of locating the parties, a sheriff's office airplane spotted another party near the Succor

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School elections slated for Tuesday

Four file for two seats on Homedale school board

Homedale School District will be the only one in Owyhee County to hold a trustee election next week as four people

filed to run for two zone seats. Zone 3 and zone 4 voters in the district will vote from 1 until 8 p.m. at their zone

polling places.

Zone 3 hopefuls Benita Miller and Jim Bittick are running for Fred Butler's seat, as Butler did not file to rerun. In zone 4, Ric Uria will try to oust incumbent Kirt Weimer who will run for his third term.

John Ineck filed to run for another term in the Marsing School District for zone 5 along with Betty Ackerman who filed to run for another term in zone 3.

In the Bruneau/Grand View School District, Dave Tindall will run again for zone 5 and Darrel Agenbroad will run for zone 3. Incumbent Harold Simper did not file for another term.

A single seat in Pleasant Valley will probably be filled again by Pat Stanford for zone 1 unless a write in candidate declares before the election next month.

Only school district residents in the opposing zones may vote for a trustee and voters must be registered to vote in the Homedale School District. Residents who have not registered may fill out a registration form at the polling place of their zone.

In zone 3, which includes all of the school district lying in Canyon County beginning on the district boundary at the intersection of the Snake River where the district boundary departs to the east of the Snake River. East then south on the boundary to the intersection with the Snake River. West on the Snake River to the beginning.

In zone 4, beginning at the intersection of Idaho Ave. and the city

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Trophy catch

A young fishergal holds a rainbow trout she caught during last weekend's LeRoy Breshears Fishing Day held at Marsing Island Park. Nearly 400 youngsters cast lines into the pond during the annual event. Photos, page 2

Jordan Valley Rodeo action begins Saturday

**Dance kicks off
weekend of events**

The Jordan Valley Rodeo Association will hold the 40th annual rodeo this weekend with two-days of rodeo action. The show will begin at 1:30 p.m. both days.

Jordan Valley Rodeo Association with announcer Pat Stanford and rodeo stock from Slash T Rodeo sponsors the event.

A dance will open the weekend's events on Friday night and will conclude on Saturday night at the Jordan Valley High School gym. Eight Second Ride will perform this year's music. On Saturday morning the day kicks off with a parade and the first day of the rodeo which begins at 1 p.m. On Sunday morning a

cowboy breakfast is held at the Catholic Church followed by more rodeo action.

First place Big Loop ropers will receive two saddles made by Steven McKay and donated by the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board, Les Schwab of Homedale and Fairview Avenue in Boise and Larry Miller Auto Mall.

Second place ropers will receive two breast collars donated by Dan Arritola of Baker, Oregon and two trophies donated in memory of Mary Baltzor, by the Baltzor family.

Third place ropers will receive two handmade silvered snaffle bits made by Pat Stanford in memory of Lee Stanford, by the Stanford family, and fourth place ropers will receive two handmade cinches made by Tex Payne and donated by Wes Downs of

Handlebar Enterprises.

Tex and Agnes Payne donate the All Around Cowboy trophy. Travis Stringer makes the first place trophy buckles.

Coordinators said last week, a huge trade show would be held in the park with "every western item imaginable" on display and for sale or trade. The show will begin Thursday night and will conclude Sunday night.

Admission to the rodeo will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 13 and under. For more information contact the Jordan Valley Rodeo at 1-541-586-2551.

For ticket and travel information call the Jordan Valley Rodeo Office at 541-586-2551. For information on booth space in the park for vendors call Jerry White at 541-586-2816.

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Fishing day
A young fisherman tries his luck at Marsing Island Pond during last weekend's LeRoy Breshears Kids Fishing Day. Fish and Game Officers, Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputies and deputies from Owyhee County's Posse team were on hand to show youngsters how to fish and cast to catch the big ones.



Looking for the big one
Three hundred and eighty children lined the banks of the Marsing Island Park pond to attempt to land the biggest fish. Each child was treated to a T-shirt and a small tackle box as well as a chance to catch a rainbow trout.

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Antique collectibles, flea market sale set by Marsing Chamber

limits of Homedale at Johnstone Rd. East on Idaho Ave. to the point where the city limits depart to the north. North on the city limits to Washington Ave. East on Washington Ave. to 6th St. West. South on 6th St. West to Railroad Ave. Southeast on Railroad Ave. to Idaho Ave. East on Idaho Ave. to the Snake River. Southeast on the Snake River to Pioneer Rd. extended. West on Pioneer Rd. extended and then Pioneer Rd. to U.S. Highway 95. North on U.S. Highway 95 to the point where the city limits departs to the west. Westerly on the city limits to the beginning.

Zone 3 voters will be able to vote at the Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship Hall at 16613 Garnet Road and zone 4 voters will vote at the Homedale School District Administrative Office at 116 East Owyhee Avenue.

Qualified electors who expect to be absent from the District on May 21, or who will be unable, because of physical disability or blindness, to go to a polling place, may vote by absentee ballot.

Written application for an absentee ballot may be made to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees on a form made available at the School District Administrative Offices, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho on Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Such application must be made no later than 5:00 p.m., May 20. Electors applying by mail should submit their requests as soon as possible. The clerk must receive the absentee ballot no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Antique Collectibles and Flea Market Sale to be held at Marsing Island Park later this month.

The annual sale will be held on May 31, June 1st and 2nd. On

Friday and Saturday the sale will be held from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p. m at the park on Highway 55. The park is located at the first left after the Snake River Bridge.

Doodle Bug Race tickets will be available and funds

from the sale will be used to support the Marsing fireworks display on July 3. Vendor spaces are still available and reservations are required.

For more information contact the Marsing Chamber of Commerce (208) 896-5355.

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B. 24 volt starting may be used.

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D. Radiator Relocation - Must not be in driver's compartment (this includes back seat area) or of any danger to driver. (Roof mount preferred). Radiator pipes should be wrapped to prevent hot water from spraying. Exhaust tubing works well here with short pieces of hose.

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I. Engine swaps will be allowed but no set backs. The spark plug closest to the front of the engine must not be further back than the center of the upper ball joint

4. Suspension must remain stock. No welding. No full floating axle or 8 hole wheel rear ends.

5. All glass, mirrors, antennas, chrome trim, back seat, trailer hitches and reinforced bumpers will be removed.

6. Full face crash helmet and long sleeve coveralls must be worn. A working seat belt is required and must be worn while in the arena.

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14. A number must be printed on each door and on top of each car. Contact Rob Townsend for registration numbers. All registrations must be entered by June 26, 2002.

15. A release form must be signed by all drivers and pit crew.

16. Drunk drivers will not be allowed to participate.

17. Only one pit man and driver per car this year due to liability restrictions.

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New issues surface as board and BLM meet

The regular monthly meeting between Owyhee County commissioners and the BLM in Marsing on May 9 began with a discussion of notes taken by the BLM at the April 11 meeting and a letter written by the commissioners to the BLM pointing out several substantial disagreements with the content of those notes.

The notes were taken by the recently hired BLM "facilitator," a person whose job is to run the meetings, try to keep everyone on track during the discussions and make notes on any agreements or disagreements reached. The commissioners reiterated their view that several of the notes were mischaracterizations of their understandings, and the BLM employee promised to try to do better.

The BLM facilitator also raised the question of whether a representative of the press equipped with a tape recorder should be allowed in the meeting. After it was pointed out to her that both the board of commissioners and the BLM are public agencies and their meetings together are not privileged in any way, the meeting proceeded. The fact is, the county commissioners and the BLM currently meet on the second Thursday of every month at the Extension Office in Marsing, and any member of the public who is

interested may observe.

Recurring issues discussed again during the meeting included the commissioners' contention that BLM definitions of "sensitive species" tends to be too vague and generic. The Natural Resources Committee took the position that as habitats change, including riparian habitat, and whether due to the actions of nature or man, some species will gain and some will lose, but the BLM assumes they all lose.

The commissioners voiced their disapproval of the BLM practice of adopting policy based on draft proposals and procedures that never become finalized; their practice of measuring water temperature (which the BLM regards as a pollutant) in the area of natural hot springs; and their focus on stubble height measurements when no monitoring has been done to see if there are any indications of benefits resulting from decisions to restrict grazing. Natural Resources said further that the stubble height requirement is an example of holding permittees responsible for factors they cannot control.

The commissioners also complained that when the BLM closes an area to grazing, they do not take responsibility for fencing off the area closed. Ranchers are therefore forced

to ride their ranges every day in order to keep stray cattle off the closed areas, the commissioners said.

A more aggressive Juniper management program, including cutting and proscribed burns, was reviewed and the commissioners and BLM were in agreement as to its importance. One of the commissioners stated that proscribed burning was a help not just to cattle grazing, but to sage grouse and a wide diversity of animal and plant life. The commissioners and BLM both said they expected to see resistance to the program from environmentalist groups.

The BLM stated that they are going ahead with their proposal to study the Bruneau River and Sheep Creek for possible "Wild and Scenic" designation and closure despite strong objections from the board of commissioners. The BLM "withdrawal package" will be sent to the state BLM office, then to the national office, then to the Federal Register for official publication.

The commissioners raised the question of BLM kiosk signs which are headlined "Owyhee Canyonlands." The commissioners said they had received many complaints that the signs do not show private property and roads prominently

enough and therefore might entice the public to enter private lands uninvited. There was also concern that the language used on the signs was very similar to language used in a series of Sierra Club radio commercials, and the commissioners said that confusion over what constitutes "Owyhee Canyonlands" could easily result. The BLM denied any complicity with the Sierra Club, and said they would put it on the agenda and talk about it next month.

In what Natural Resources described as a "potential train wreck," the issue of delayed billing and grazing applications was brought up. Many Owyhee County ranchers have received these documents too late to make important changes or not received them at all. Jenna

Whitlock of the BLM said that there had been "problems with the mail" and that they were "getting new software." She said a large stack of envelopes had been found lying in the street covered in mud.

Howard Hedrick of the BLM told the group that Idaho Fish and Game had definitely decided to close roads in Unit 47 in order to restrict ATV travel during deer season. This hunting unit is in the southern part of the county, in the BLM Jarbidge Planning Unit. The commissioners and the BLM both expressed displeasure at the decision, the commissioners because county roads were being closed at all, the BLM because it was F&G not BLM who was exercising the road closure prerogative. - RB

BLM appoints two

BLM Director Kathleen Clarke has announced two new appointments to the federal land management agency.

Francis Cherry has been named Deputy Director for Operations. Cherry is a 33-year veteran of the BLM who most recently served in Alaska. He succeeds Nina Rose Hatfield, who will become a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget in the Department of the Interior.

James Hughes has been named Deputy Director for Programs and Policy. He most recently served as Legislative Director for Congressman Joe Skeen (R-NM). Hughes was with the BLM earlier in his career.

The BLM manages more than 262 million acres, most of it in the 12 Western states, has an annual budget of \$1.8 billion and a workforce of 10,000 employees.



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- ♥ **'88 Honda Accord**, 5 speed, radio, heater, air conditioning

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Students

Creek area, commonly known to many Homedale youth as the “cliffs,” on the Idaho/Oregon border southwest of Homedale.

Seven teens were arrested between the ages of 18 and 20 including David Stercks Jr., 19, Salvador Gonzalez-Vega, 18, James M. Nauman, 19, Brian Cuddeback, 18, Travis Parrill, 18, Michael Townsend, 20, and Jacob Ferguson, 19. All were charged with minor in possession and Vega was also charged with possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

“We know during the process of the raid, several juveniles escaped being caught,” Wolfe explained last week. “We will make adjustments for that next time. We worked off information and developed information of our own for two parties but happened to find the Idaho kids. This was done on a DUI alcohol grant paid for by the state of Oregon.”

Wolfe said several parents from Homedale were upset with the law enforcement agency because they don’t feel their kids were drinking.

“We do have a lot of parents who are upset with us. I am sorry some of the parents are unhappy and I am sorry some of the parents are in denial about this. Some of them don’t think their children were drinking. If any of the kids did not have alcohol on their breath or on their possession they did not get a citation. We did

release some kids because they did not have alcohol.

“I would rather do that and make sure they get home safely with a responsible driver then to have to go to their homes and tell their parents that their child has been seriously injured in a alcohol related accident or to tell them that their child has died because of alcohol.

“It is not worth it and I will take any parent’s complaint about what we did that night. We are trying to take a proactive, rather than a reactive stance, to the situation of juveniles drinking. We go into all the schools in Malheur County in the spring and try to educate these kids. We have a mother of a young man who spent 18 months in jail because of an alcohol related crash who speaks at the schools with us.”

The students will be tried in Malheur County among the juvenile system and Wolfe said the local school district planned to discipline the students who are involved in sports.

“I know the school has taken an interest to suspend the kids who are involved in athletics,” Wolfe continued. “They told us that the kids will be suspended from two weeks of sporting events. I am sorry for that, but the kids made a choice.”

Malheur County Sheriff Andy Bentz said the schools in Oregon usually internally take care of the kids who were not caught.

“We know we had some kids run on us because we had parents call and tell us we did a lousy job since their kid was

out in the cold all night,” Bentz exclaimed. “I was amazed at how ungrateful some parents were to us. We brought their kids home safely.”

Bentz said his department had disrupted three other parties of juveniles in the last few weeks and Homedale parents were the first to complain.

“No I don’t understand it,” Bentz concluded. “But we have a lot more surprises coming in the next few months. I just want to tell Owyhee County kids that if they want to drink, don’t come to Malheur County, stay home.”

Under the Homedale school’s new participation policy students who are involved in athletics are not allowed to possess, use, transmit, traffic in or be under the influence of illegal/controlled substances such as tobacco, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, narcotic or hallucinogenic drugs including alcohol.

“This also includes all violations listed in the penal code, other than minor traffic infractions,” Homedale High School Principal Mike Williams said last week. “I don’t know if the parents really understand the policy yet. If their child is charged with say reckless driving, they still fall under the policy and have to serve the punishment.

Eleven of the students charged currently attend the school and Williams said he thought three others were ex-students of the district. Nine of the students are involved in

sports activities, seven in the varsity level.

Several students have told Williams that they were attending the party, but were not drinking. Williams said the district would wait until the students are convicted before enforcing the policy.

“My understanding of how Oregon does this is, they say if a juvenile is at a party they get an MIP,” Williams continued. “All we can do is ask the student if they were drinking. We are not judge and jury. If the student admits to the charge then we are putting them on the step policy. If the student tells us they were there but were not drinking we are giving them the options. It is simple options. If they go to court and the court drops it, then it is a mute point. If they go to court and the charge stands then that is a violation to the penal code and resorts back to this policy again. They may not miss this year’s sporting events, but it can roll into next year. So we are asking them and some of them are taking their punishment.”

According to the policy, students who have committed a first violation will be suspended for two games or two weeks which ever is longer and be referred to the School Substance Abuse Team to have a mandatory free assessment. Students cited but not involved in athletics will not receive any discipline from the school, Williams said.

For a second violation, a student will be suspended for any remaining contests in the

sport season and forfeit any right to letter or participate in the post-season banquet and any all-star contests. For a third violation, the student will not be allowed to participate in any athletic extra-curricular activity until the beginning of that sport season in next calendar year.

“We are not accusing the kids of drinking, but we just want the kids and parents to know the policy. We will honor their word, but if it goes to court and they are convicted of it, we will follow the policy. We do not have the manpower to police these kids, but if it is brought to our attention we will follow the policy.”

Williams said the situation deeply bothered him because nearly all the students involved were athletes.


“We recently lost a young man who was very close to a lot of us at Homedale High School to drinking and driving,” Williams explained. “I wish these kids would think about that before going to a party where there is alcohol. Just stay away from them. Those parties are bad news.”

– CP

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Detour

Workers from Warrington Construction replace drain lines on Main Street in Homedale last week. Motorists will see temporary road closures until September due to the street project.

Expect delays on Main Street

A project to up-grade Main Street in Homedale began last week and a spokesman with the city said motorists will see temporary road closures until probably September.

The projected finish date for the project is on September 11, 2002 and Homedale City Clerk Pam Dugger said the funds from the project are part of the Idaho Transportation Department funding from the old Highway 95 project.

Warrington Construction is currently working to install drain gutters, sidewalks and upgraded sewer piping. Dugger said Idaho Sand and Gravel won the bid for the street project, which will begin later this summer.

“We are going to redo the whole street,” Dugger said Monday. The project will cost the city a projected \$400,000.-CP

County asks state’s help in dairy expansion

The proposed expansion of the David Williams Dairy south of Homedale has been reviewed by the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners, and now will be reviewed by the state.

The county commissioners have asked the Idaho Department of Agriculture to form a Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) site advisory team to provide a suitability determination for the site. The state’s established expertise in the area of dairy operations was thought by the commissioners to be an important and appropriate measure of the long-term suitability of the proposed expansion.

Weather

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| Wed. 8 | 53 | 28 |
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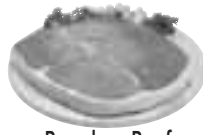
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Rodeo celebrates 40 years of “Big Loop”

Hundreds of people will travel to the small ranching town of Jordan Valley next month for one of the town’s biggest events, the Jordan Valley Rodeo and the “Big Loop” competition.

When asking local ranchers why the rodeo is called the Big Loop, a person might get several different reasons.

Local rancher and past Big Loop contest winner Bob Wroten says his father Marion claimed that it came with Con Shea and the Texas Longhorns in the late 1800’s.

Another rancher and horsewoman in the area, Ruby Staples, claims it started in 1948 when Art Seales was the Jordan Valley District Glazier. She said in the fall of that year, Art was in Burns, Oregon, Harney County, and was talking with cowmen in the area. Joe Fine said Harney County had the biggest haystacks and the best cowboys who throw the biggest loops in the country. Art was quick to defend Malheur County by saying they might have the biggest haystacks but Malheur County cowboys threw the biggest loops.

After some discussion and a friendly argument, they both decided to have a rope-off. It was to take place in Burns, have four teams from each county and the cowboys would rope cattle with 18-foot loops.

The team was made up of Frank Maher and Jack Staples, Joe Swisher and Tim Mills, Dennie Jones and Charlie Chapman, and Art and his son Buck who made up the Malheur

County team.

The Harney County team consisted of Joe Fine, and Warren McClaine, Bill and Ross Thompson, Red Walter and Buck Miller and Don and Opie Catterson. On September 17th the Jordan Valley cowboys headed for Burns and the event took place the next day. The Malheur County cowboys won the match, making them the Big Loopers.

During that time businessmen from Jordan Valley were putting on the Jordan Valley Rodeo. The coordinators were finding it difficult to keep the rodeo going due to hiring stock and local help. Jack Staples was heard in the Valley Grocery store one day talking about the upcoming rodeo to Gay Elordi, who was president at that time. He asked Jack if he would pick up the bucking stock.

After the rodeo, Gay came to Jack with a check, which Jack would not accept. As they visited, Gay asked Jack if he thought the local ranchers would be interested in taking over the rodeo. Jack said that he would talk to them about it and so it came to be that local ranchers coordinated the Jordan Valley Rodeo in 1959.

In the beginning, very few contestants and spectators attended the event. In 1961 coordinators decided they needed some kind of event that would bring in more contestants and draw spectators. After some discussion, Jack suggested the Big Loop event and told the group about going to Burns.

He explained about his trip to Burns and the competition held there. It was then decided that the event would be held at the next rodeo in 1962.

A 22-foot loop rope was measured and it was decided that horses would be roped. They used this for two years and then shortened the length of the rope to 20 feet, which is used still today.

The rules are strict and a cowboy must have a clean head-catch. Both front feet must be roped clean and mishandling of the livestock constitutes a disqualification. The horse roping came from the ranchers, as it is how they handle young horses on the ranch when it is time to geld the stud colts and to brand them.

The Jordan Valley Big Loop champions are awarded a custom handmade buckaroo saddle. The big loop saddle is one of the most coveted trophies in the working cowboy’s world.

The event has grown to a crowd of over 5,000 spectators each day on the third weekend in May every year. The contestants are descendants of those first teams in early days. The ranchers of the area volunteer their time, cattle and equipment for the two-day celebration. The festivities begin on Friday as people start setting up tents and trailers.

The rodeo is unique in that it carries all the standard rodeo events; bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, and barrel racing. The events are among those that both professional and amateur cowboys and cowgirls compete in at rodeos everywhere. Several events make the Jordan Valley rodeo unique including cow riding, junior steer riding, muley team

roping and the Big Loop horse-roping event. This year a new event will be added to the schedule. Ranch style bronc riding should thrill the upcoming audience.

Jordan Valley has limited motel space but is only 45 minutes from Caldwell and approximately 60 minutes from Boise on paved highways and a scenic drive.

Obituary

Mildred Agnes Briscoe Johnson

Mildred Agnes Briscoe Johnson, 82, of Homedale, Idaho, passed away on Monday, May 6, 2002, of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Interment will follow at Wilder Cemetery.



Mildred was born October 8, 1919, in Howell County, Missouri. She grew up and attended schools in Howell County. On April 6, 1936, she married Hershel Grant Johnson in Hebron, Missouri. They became, over the years, the proud parents of 7 sons and 5 daughters. They moved to Wilder, Idaho, in 1952.

Mildred was the matriarch of a very large, happy and loving family. She spent most of her life loving and raising her 12 children, 36

grandchildren, and 51 great-grandchildren. Mildred was an avid gardener all her life. In her spare time, she was also a master craftswoman in embroidery, crocheting and quilting. Over the years, she won enough Owyhee County Fair blue ribbons to cover an entire wall in her sewing room. She was also fond of collecting salt and pepper shakers and had more than 1,000 sets.

Mildred was an active member of the Assembly of God Church, and was very strong in her faith in Christ. She was an inspiration to everyone and was our hero.

Mildred is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law: Ann Rutledge of Meridian, Lela and Fred Aspiazu of Nampa, Lena and Lewis Tucker of Hermiston, Oregon, Linda and Clint Neilson of Homedale; and sons and daughters-in-law: Ray and Louise of Phoenix, Arizona, Lee and Jewell of Wilder, Jerry and Donna of Caldwell, Everett of Phoenix, Arizona, Don and Deanna of Caldwell, Joe and Amy of Eagle, and David of Greenleaf; plus all 36 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Hershel, and daughter Wanda Sue.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name.

Authentic western cowboys captured in rodeo calendar

WT (Bill) Bruce, a local photographer from Homedale, along with the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board, has put together a 2003 calendar to help celebrate forty years of the Big Loop Rodeo.

The product is a 12-month 2003 wall calendar, 12 inches by 18 inches with 26 professional photos in sepia tone. The calendar will be available for sale at this year’s rodeo with a portion of the proceeds donated to the Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo.

Bruce says, “like many other small agriculturally based communities, the Jordan Valley area ranchers are focused on keeping their livelihood of raising beef cattle and their western living intact under the pressures of an urbanized global economy.”

The rodeo board has leveraged the popularity of the Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo to hold an Owyhee “Rope and Ride” fundraiser event every September. The proceeds from this event are used to protect property rights of landowners throughout Owyhee County and to aid the Oregon Owyhee River Defense Fund.

The calendar will be available at the rodeo for \$12.95 plus shipping and handling.

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Local teaching couple recuperating from crash

Homedale High School teachers Ned and Gloria Stokes say the recuperation from a near fatal car accident in March has been slow, but both agree that support from the community has made their transition easier.

Gloria Stokes still walks with a sling on her arm and had three “gruesome” pins removed from it late last month. Stokes said her husband Ned returned to full time work at the high school earlier this month but she would probably return to her teaching duties next fall.

“It was awful,” Gloria says, recalling an accident that happened on March 11 which nearly claimed both of their lives, “I remember everything about the accident but Ned doesn’t remember anything of the accident.

“I remember the man we hit suddenly being in front of us and Ned slamming on the brakes, but it was too late. We were traveling east, but somehow we ended up facing north. I had my seat belt on but I still remember my body just flailing around in the car.”

The couple was transported by air ambulance and a private helicopter to Saint Alphonsus

Regional Medical Center with numerous broken bones and internal injuries after colliding with Jim Nelson of Wilder on Homedale and Allendale Roads near Homedale. Ironically, the couple was on their way to visit a friend in a hospital in Caldwell and didn’t find out until several weeks later that the friend had recovered and was sent home.

Gloria spent nearly a week in intensive care with a broken femur, which required pins in her arm, a cracked vertebrae and a cracked pelvis. She also had several broken ribs, a laceration in her spleen and several broken bones in her hand.

“It got to the point that the doctors stopped looking for injuries because they kept finding new ones,” Gloria said with a smile. “Ned was much worse than I was and he has already gone back to work.”

Ned spent nearly a week in intensive care, was released to a medical floor for a few days and then took a turn for the worst.

“He was on the fourth floor and then they found he had a pulmonary embolism and was rushed back to ICU,” Gloria explained. “He nearly died that

time.”

Ned was admitted with a laceration on his spleen, bruises on his heart and lung, a partially collapsed lung, and nearly every rib broken. He developed a blood clot, but Gloria said the doctors could not treat the blood clot with blood thinners because it would interact with the injuries on his spleen.

“They could do nothing,” Gloria continued. “If they treated one, they would endanger the other. It was a no win situation.”

Although the Stokeses were severely injured, both are currently doing very well, Gloria said. She said the response from the emergency crews was overwhelming.

“The people of this community and our friends and family have made this transition much easier,” Gloria added. “The love, prayers, cards, letters, flowers, telephone calls, and visits we received and are still receiving from everyone can never be repaid.

“It has been a difficult time for everyone during our recovery period from the accident, but we will recover in time. We will be going to therapy to regain strength and



Survivors
Ned and Gloria Stokes pose for a picture only two months after a car accident nearly claimed the couple’s lives. Ned is a Media Specialist for Homedale High School and his wife is a substitute teacher and volunteers to take tickets during sporting events.

control of our appendages, and Ned is back to work fulltime at the library. He just can’t do physical work yet. I am mending slowly and now have the pins out of my arm, but I can’t use it yet.

“Perry, our son, came home from Japan to help with the in-home nursing care and will be here for the summer. I don’t

know what we would have done without him. We are just so thankful for everyone and their concern for us. The paramedics, the firemen, the doctors, gosh I could not begin to name them all. They know who they are and we just want to thank them. Thank you.”-CP

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Owyhee water outlook remains uncertain

Although April brought the typical spring weather of snow in the mountains and rain in the valleys, the water outlook for the Owyhee County valley still remains uncertain. Owyhee Reservoir at 61 percent full, 71 percent of average, has reached it peak storage and is currently being drafted.

Precipitation was near normal across Idaho ranging from 85 percent to 110 percent of average. Below normal temperatures finally gave way to warmer temperatures rapidly melting low elevation snow. Rain enhanced the snowmelt rates, which resulted in rapid stream flow increases.

Mid elevation snow started melting in early April and then started accumulating with the return of colder temperatures and additional moisture.

Cool wet weather in April helped keep the snow in the mountains longer and delayed initial demand for irrigation water, which extended the limited water supply in central, southern and eastern Idaho. Though water experts say the overall picture did not change much from last month. Irrigation water shortages are still expected in the southeast, Owyhee irrigators will have adequate supplies.

A report from the National Resource Service Center says most reservoir storage water will be used this year leaving little reservoir carryover for next year.

Cool weather has kept soil temperatures below normal, delaying plant growth on rangeland this spring. Plant growth is now starting as a result of warmer temperatures and good valley April precipitation.

Snow precipitation in the Bruneau Basin, which includes Bear Creek, Big Bend, Pole Creek R.S., Seventysix Creek and Wilson Creek, dropped to 96 percent of average with continuing snow melt off.

In the Owyhee Basin, Big Bend, Fawn Creek, Upper Jack Creek, Laurel Draw, Mud Flat, South Mountain and Taylor Canyon, snow averages dropped to 92 percent of average. Basin Wide for Owyhee Basin dropped to 28 percent of average.

The report says snow pack percentages vary across Idaho with some low elevation basins such as Hayden Lake, Owyhee,



Low levels

Water levels continue to remain low in the Owyhee Reservoir. Forecasters say if the valley experiences a dry spring, many reservoirs in the state will not fill to capacity.

Camas, Blackfoot, Willow and Malad basins melted or nearly melted out by May 1.

The 30-day (May) and 90-day (May-July) extended precipitation outlook for Idaho provided by the National Weather Service are for equal chances of normal, or below normal precipitation to occur (33 percent chance). The 30-day (May) extended temperature outlook is also for equal chances for normal temperatures across southern Idaho.

Owyhee and Blackfoot reservoirs have already reached their peak storage levels for the season and drafting is occurring as demands exceed natural inflows. Drafting will also occur earlier than normal at other reservoirs across southern Idaho as a result of the below normal projected stream flow inflows.

Peak stream flows resulting from snowmelt have occurred in the Owyhee, Weiser, Camas (near Fairfield) and other low elevation drainages. Slight stream flow increases are still possible if hot temperatures and rain events suddenly occur.

Flows will not exceed previous peaks unless an

extended period of rain falls. Other streams more dependent upon mountainous snow packs will start increasing with the onset of warmer temperatures. During the latter half of April, valley high temperatures in the 60s and night mountainous temperatures below freezing allowed for only moderate snow melt rates (approximately 0.5 inches/day) with melt water basically dribbling out of the snow pack and into the ground.

April precipitation ranged from 75-125 percent of average for most SNOTEL sites in the southwest region. Overall, precipitation was near normal

at 103 percent of average. Water year to date precipitation remains just below normal at 97 percent of average. May 1 snow water content levels vary with the melt occurring and range from half of normal for the Owyhee basin to near normal in the Raft basin. The Owyhee River near Rome peaked at about 8,000 cfs on April 2. Residual stream flow forecasts range from 67 percent in the Oakley basin to 88 percent in the Bruneau basin.

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Water outlook for Owyhee Dam

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Ag Expo attracts 800 students

by Shannon Ineck, Marsing FFA Reporter

The Marsing FFA Chapter Agriculture Exposition and Farm Safety Days took place on Thursday and Friday of last week. Approximately 800 students from 1st through 3rd grade came from Parma, Notus, Homedale, Wilder and Marsing.

The children learned about horses, Beef cows, dairy cows, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, rabbits, trout and donkeys.

Along with the animals they saw they learned about the feed they are given to keep them healthy, being safe on a tractor, and setting siphon tubes.

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Commissioners propose new center to implement Owyhee Initiative

“The plan must be based on sound scientific management,” said Fred Grant, Chairman of the Owyhee Initiative Work Group.

With that in mind, Owyhee County†commissioners have proposed that an Owyhee Landscape Conservation Center be established under the direction of an Owyhee Scientific Management Review Team. The Team would be chaired†by a representative of†the land grant University of Idaho.

The benefits of the new structure include an enforceable requirement that the BLM follow sound science, and places the burden of proof on that government agency. The Review Team would develop and establish a process for reviewing and assuring that the Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management are applied, monitored and evaluated in a scientifically sound manner.

The Owyhee Initiative is a “landscape-scale program to preserve the natural processes that create and maintain a functioning, un-fragmented landscape supporting and sustaining a flourishing community of multiple uses, to preserve economically viable livestock grazing, and to preserve and protect cultural resources.”

Members of the Owyhee Scientific Management Review Team would be selected by the Owyhee Initiative Work Group and, much like the Work Group itself, would be made up of representatives from the University of Idaho, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, conservation groups, county and state government, state funded universities, the BLM and other federal management and research agencies, the livestock grazing industry and landowners, recreation and local business interests.

Under this new proposal, a person aggrieved by a BLM land management decision, policy or procedure may file a request for review with the Review Team. The Team would select a Technical Review Team of three persons knowledgeable in the specific areas involved. If the Technical Review Team finds that the BLM has not met a “more probably than not” burden of proof, multiple levels of processes are outlined to help the Team enforce its judgement.

“A Night of a Thousand Laughs” to be presented

The Homedale High School Drama Department will present a series of five one act plays during “A Night of a Thousand Laughs” preformed by students of the class.

The plays will be presented today (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the old gym. Adults will be charged \$4 and senior citizens and students will be charged \$3.

The first play will be a rendition of a beauty pageant that has gone “beautifully” wrong. Amber Atkins has all the talent and grace that a girl could ever want. A documentary team has decided to film the pageant. In this scene of the movie, Amber’s mom, Annette, and her friend, Loretta, are talking about the pageant and who should win. Sara Brown will play Annette and Kim Ingersoll will portray Loretta.

In the second comedy, “A Marriage Proposal,” Tana Krall, portraying Natalia, joins Derik Barrett as Lomov and Chauncy Butler as Tshchub in a funny yet witty way of showing the truth of a marriage proposal. “Nothing goes as hoped or planned, or does it?”

“Plaza Suites” will follow with Jim Nauman as Roy, Kelly Roberts as Norma, Kim Ingersoll as Mimsey and Kaleb Hotchkiss as Borden. “Will they, or will they not, get married? Only one man knows.”

In the fourth play, “What Women Want Most” by Thomas J. Hatton, King Arthur has a problem. One of his best knights, Sir Harold Pendragon, is guilty of beinous crime of stealing a kiss from a noble maiden. King Arthur will be played by Kaleb Hotchkiss, Queen Guinevere will be played by Nicole Dill, Sir Harold Pendragon is played by Brian Cuddeback, Sir Galahad the Trusty is played by Drew Williams, Lady Lenore is portrayed by Kacey Bruce and Baliff is portrayed by Kathleen McBride.

The final play, “As you like it” by William Shakespeare is about two women talking about love and life. Chrissy Smith portrays Rosalind and Kathleen McBride plays Celia.



4-H horse judging

Student judges write down their remarks during last weekend’s 4-H horse judging competition held at the Owyhee County Rodeo grounds in Homedale.



4-H students judge the conformation of Arabian mares.

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D.A.R.E. graduates 62 students in Marsing

Marsing Elementary School was the scene of a major ceremony and celebration involving 62 students, the principal, teachers, the sheriff's office and a county commissioner on Wednesday evening, May 8.

The occasion was the culmination of the 2002 D.A.R.E. program, designed to teach kids about the dangers of drugs and how to "say no" when tempted by peer pressure. The speakers included Owyhee County Commissioner Chris Salove, and students who had successfully completed the highly acclaimed program.

Two students from each of the three elementary school classes read the persuasive essays they had written explaining what they had learned in the D.A.R.E. program to keep them drug-free and help them avoid violence.

The student speakers were Logan Glenn, Rose Remick, Carlos Caballos, Miranda Clausen, Martin Galvez and Amanda Sevy. All 62 graduates were awarded D.A.R.E. graduation certificates and t-shirts, and students and parents alike enjoyed cookies and refreshments afterward. - RB



Owyhee County D.A.R.E. instructor and sheriff's deputy Troy Tarter poses with one of the three graduating classes from Marsing Elementary School.

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Hurricane wrestlers win eight gold medals in state tourney

The Hurrican Wrestling club brought home eight gold medals from the Idaho Kids State Freestyle and Greco wrestling tournament held in Idaho Falls earlier this month.

In the pre-bantam (5-6 year olds), Devin Fisher placed third in freestyle at 45 pounds. In the bantam division two wrestlers placed in the top ten with Brad McCain placing first at 70 pounds in freestyle and Dominie Christiansen placing sixth at 60 pounds also in freestyle.

Cassidy Cook won a gold medal in freestyle placing first and first in Greco wrestling in the midget division (9-10 year olds) at 95 pounds. Justin Ensley finished in second place in both freestyle and Greco wrestling at 55 pounds. Kenny Esparza at 70 pounds and Casey Christoffersen, at 60 pounds, each placed 10th in freestyle. Christoffersen placed 5th in Greco.

In the Novice division (11-12 year olds), Frankie Obregon placed first in Greco at 80 pounds and sixth in freestyle while teammate Brandon Valadez placed third in freestyle at 140 plus.

Six wrestlers placed in the schoolboy division with Tyler Christoffersen at 105 pounds, placing first in freestyle and Greco. Ricco Gonzalez placed second in Greco and third in freestyle at 125 pounds. Daniel Valadez at 160 placed third in freestyle and teammate Tyler Maxwell placed second in Greco and fourth in freestyle at 110 pounds. Josh Jolley placed second in freestyle at 160 plus.

In the cadet competition, which was held in Northern Idaho, Jeremy Ensley placed first in freestyle and sixth in Greco at 92 pounds. Kip Watson placed third in both events at 112 pounds and Gilbert Obregon placed fourth in Greco and sixth in freestyle at 140 pounds.

The club will travel to Boise on June 14 and 15 for the Western Regional Duels and will travel to Butte, Montana on June 17-22 for the Kids/Cadets Western Regional competition. The National Kids Championships will be held at Enid Oklahoma in July and the cadet and junior championships will be held in Fargo North Dakota.

Kyle Myers, Reed Jeppe, Chase Jeppe, Kenny Esparza, Brad McCain, Jordan Meligan, Brandon Valadez and Daniel Valadez participated in the club for their first year and placed in several competitions.

Myers is in the pre-bantam division at 50 pounds and placed third in the Homedale tournament, fourth in the Nampa tournament, fifth in the Parma tournament, and fourth in the Kuna and Skyview tournaments. The Reed Jeppe is also in the bantam division and has one-second-place medal, two third place victories and two fourth place titles. Chase is in the bantam division and has a fifth place victory.

Esparza, in the midget division has won three second place titles, a fourth place title and a sixth place victory. McCain, in the bantam division at 70 pounds, has two first place titles and three-second place tittles. Meligan is in the midget division and has a second place victory, three fourth place titles, and two fifth place victories.

The Valadez brothers have seven titles as top three placers. Brandon is in the novice division at 140 plus pounds and has three third place titles. Daniel is in the schoolboy division and won first place in the Parma tournament, a second place title in the Nyssa tournament, third place in the Homedale and Skyview tournament and took two fourth place finishes in the Nampa and Idaho Express tournaments.

Cassidy Cook topped the team this year with an undefeated record in freestyle and two first place and a second place finish in Greco.

Schermerhorn teaches safety, tactics and preservation

To firearms instructor Ron Schermerhorn, preservation has nothing to do with looking out for sensitive flora and fauna, but everything to do with basic human survival. Whether you attend one of his free presentations, his popular concealed carry class for civilians or his advanced combat shooting classes for civilians and police officers, the first lesson is always the same: safety.

“With firearms, safety is always the number one requirement,” Ron said. Sitting in his outdoor swing overlooking the Snake River, he handles a red plastic object in the general shape of an M1911 .45 semiautomatic pistol as though it were a real gun. “The right habits, ingrained with good training, is what saves lives – from criminal predators as well as from accidents,” he said. “Too many people buy a gun and some ammo, maybe shoot it casually a few times, and then put it away expecting it to be ready to save their lives someday. They wouldn’t treat driving a car like that. They would expect to develop a certain level of competence before they got out in heavy traffic. You can spend a lifetime honing your shooting skills, but you can learn how to be safe with firearms easily – a little time, a little concentrated effort, and little or no money is all that is required.

“With all of my students, I

constantly review and emphasize the basic safety rules. It doesn’t matter who I’m teaching – a person who has never handled a gun before, a seasoned shooter or a professional law enforcement officer. The same safety rules apply to everyone.

The basic safety rules, as Schermerhorn explains, include: 1. Treat every gun as though it were loaded; 2. Don’t put your finger on the trigger until you’re ready to fire; 3. Never point a gun at anything you aren’t willing to destroy; 4. Be sure not only of your target, but of your backstop as well.

“If you follow the basic safety precautions,” he reminds us, “shooting is one of the safest activities and sports you can participate in.”

“Gun handling skills and combat tactics cover a wide spectrum. We teach proper grip and stance, reloading, malfunction clearance, drawing from the holster, shooting at paper and reactive steel targets, shooting on the run, shooting from cover and concealment and from barricades, and shooting



Ron Schermerhorn teaches civilians and police shooters alike everything they need to know about gun safety, shootings skills and tactics, and self-defense.

through scenarios you might one day face in real life.”

After seven years as a police and civilian instructor, many years as a law enforcement officer and competitive shooter, and a lifetime of shooting experience, Schermerhorn has some interesting observations to make, particularly regarding women shooters.

“In general, women are easier to instruct, they learn to shoot accurately quicker than men do. They listen to you and do as you ask, and they don’t generally have bad habits that must be changed. I’ve had great success with women who have never shot a gun before in their life.”

Schermerhorn has civilian and police classes scheduled throughout the year, and says he is happy to give talks about firearms safety and safe gun handling principles free to senior groups and service clubs. He can be reached at 896-4397. – RB

TOM GANNON

STATE SENATE REPUBLICAN DISTRICT 23

To the Voters of Owyhee County,

As you have read in this paper, the redistricting process has created Legislative District 23 consisting of Owyhee County and the majority of rural Twin Falls County. With strong family ties to Owyhee County, I fully understand your concerns about Owyhee County representation in the new district. My wife of 32 years, Jeanne, grew up on the Davis family ranch in Bruneau.

Jeanne’s grandparents, Perle and Hilda Davis, homesteaded in the Homedale area (on the Oregon side) and farmed the land for over thirty years.

While we all disagree with the geographic boundaries of District 23, for the next ten years this “marriage” will determine our representation in the State Legislature. With the imbalance of nearly three voters in Twin Falls County to every one voter in Owyhee County it would appear that your vote wouldn’t have an effect on the election outcome. Remember Florida in the last election. A **strong** showing at the primary polls from Owyhee County on May 28th will select your State Senator and send a signal to all future candidates that District 23 is not just Twin Falls County.

My education (BS-Accounting, University of Idaho, Masters Degree, Computer Systems Management), 23 years of service as a Navy Officer, community service and 5 plus years serving the City of Buhl combine to give me the leadership qualities and experience to be your next State Senator. Should I be fortunate enough to win in the primary and general elections I can assure you Owyhee County **will have representation** in the State Senate.

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Dam toured during Owyhee Field Day

by Cheryl Peterson

Nearly 200 students from Owyhee and Malheur Counties attended last week's Owyhee Field Day for a hands-on view of the ecosystem provided by the Owyhee Watershed Council Education Committee.

Fifth graders from Adrian, Jordan Valley, Marsing, Nyssa and Pleasant Valley spent last Thursday in a fun, diverse learning environment participating in several working stations located below the Owyhee Dam in the park.

About 15 FFA volunteers from Adrian and Jordan Valley led groups around to 12 different stations from a raft trip on the Owyhee River to a soils station provided by Duane Pearson from the Bully Creek Watershed Coalition.



Soils

Duane Pearson from the Bully Creek Watershed Coalition shows students the difference in soils from sandy soil that is near the bank of the Owyhee River to the clay soil found in the hills of the desert.

Ag Ambassadors demonstrated range management and Jay Chamberlin from the Owyhee Irrigation District taught kids how to use siphon tubes at the water use station.

The Owyhee Watershed Council consists of farmers, ranchers, recreationists, scientists and other concerned citizens appointed by both the Malheur and Owyhee County Board of Commissioners. The mission of the council is to lead the effort in ensuring sustainable, responsible and productive stewardship of all land and water resources for the economic and environmental benefit of the Owyhee Watershed.

For more information contact Jennifer Fenwick at 541-889-2588 extension 117. The group meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the University of Idaho Extension Office in Marsing.



Rafters

Students were treated to a short trip on the Owyhee River accompanied by Steve Boren from the Owyhee Watershed Council and Bear Valley Rafting Company.

Gary Page from the Malheur County Weed Board demonstrated a weed station and what students should look for to identify weeds. Firemen from the Vale District BLM demonstrated how they use foam to help extinguish range fires and the Malheur County Sheriff's Department manned a waterway enforcement station where children were allowed to tour the department's boat.

Ron Jones from the Malheur County Soil and Water Conservation District demonstrated irrigation and Erik Feibert from the Oregon State University Experiment Station demonstrated irrigation-induced erosion and how it can be prevented.

Students boarded a raft with Steve Boren from the Owyhee Watershed Council and Bear Valley Rafting Company for a short rafting trip on the Owyhee River and Emergency Medical Technician and Owyhee Irrigation District member Rex Franklin demonstrated outdoor safety.

Terry Bassford from the Treasure Valley Community College



Weeds

Students learn to identify weeds that are popular in the Owyhee desert.



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Irrigators

Students learn how to siphon water from a tube at the irrigation station demonstrated by Ron Jones from the Malheur County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Records broken during WIC track conference

Four athletes set conference records in track and field events during the Western Idaho Conference Track and Field Championships on May 3.

In the boys 100, Marsing's K.C. Wilson set a new WIC record on the way to a win with a run of 10.78. Wilson broke the old record of 10.9 set by Marcus Christoffersen and also set a record for the school district. Wilson's score is the first record to be broken for the Huskies in many years. Wilson also won the pole vault with a height of 12 feet. Husky teammate Tyde Smith broke the school record in Melba two weeks ago in the discus with a toss of 124 feet 10 inches. He broke his second record at the meet throwing 127 and a half feet and the cross bar.

Two Nampa Christian Trojans broke WIC records Friday. Danielle Pridgen broke two — including one her own. She won the 800 in 2:15.84 and the 400 in 57.5 and freshman Ashley Puga broke the record in the 1,600, which has stood once since 1983 and again since 1992, with a first-place finish of 5:22.1. The old mark was 5:23.6.

Marsing's Amie Vanek won the girls 100 hurdles and teammate Eva Smith won the girls 300 hurdles. Vanek also took a second place win in the pole vault with seven feet.

Idaho City's Tyrel Nelson once again dominated the throws, going over 63 feet in the shot put. One of the closest races of the day was in the boys 1,600. Idaho City's Marcos Veristain — a Northwest Nazarene signee — and Chris Saenz of Greenleaf Friends Academy were neck-and-neck all the way around the last corner of the bell lap before Veristain dashed out ahead and eventually won the race by more than five yards.

Homedale Trojan Kelsi Haylett was seen on the track again after spending several months healing from a left anterior cruciate ligament, which required surgery in December. She ran the girls 100 in 13.08 seconds. Teammate Jessica Stimmel won the 2A division title in the 200 with 12.8. Homedale's

boys and girls 4x100 and 4x200 relays each won.

In the girl's events, Nampa Christian won the event with 106 points above Homedale in second place with 98 points and Marsing in third with 91 points.

For the Huskies, sophomore Amanda Stewart won three titles in the high jump, shot put and the discus. Stewart won first place in the high jump with four feet 10 inches and took second place standings in the shot put with 31 feet nine inches and second in the discus with 91 feet two inches.

Olga Guebrado placed fifth in the discus with 71 feet seven and a half inches and the Marsing team finished second in the 4x100 with 54.92. Jamie Lynde finished third in the 100 with 13.52 and second in the 200 with 28.87.

For the Trojans, Tacy Morris finished first in the triple jump with 31-10 and teammate Stimmel took first in the long jump with 15 feet one and three quarter inches. Becky Butler placed fourth in the 800 and third in the 1600 and TJ Martinat placed fourth in the 3200 with 13:24.26. Martinat also placed fourth in the 1600 with 6:14.87.

In the boy's events, Homedale placed second overall with 101 and the Huskies finished fifth with 75 overall points.

The local teams dominated the shot put with Homedale taking a first, third and fourth place wins. Jim Nauman placed first with 43 and a quarter feet followed by Cody Heller from Marsing with 41 feet 11 and a quarter inches in second, Holsclaw with 41 feet three and a quarter inches in third place, Erik Garcia in fourth place with 39 feet 10 and a quarter inches and Tyde Smith in fifth with 39 feet seven inches. Gluch took second place in the high jump for the Trojans with six feet.

In pole vault the two teams again dominated the first four titles with Shawn Gibbs in second for Homedale at 11 feet, Clay Haylett in third for Homedale with 11 feet and Matt Berends in fourth with 10 feet six inches.

Nauman took second in discus with 127 feet one inches and Garcia placed fourth with 120 feet five and a quarter inches. For the Huskies, Heller

finished in fifth with 118 feet three and a half inches.

Vance placed second in the triple jump with 39 feet nine and a half inches and third in

the long jump with long jump with 20 feet one inch.

The teams will travel to Parma for the district tournaments on Thursday.



Jumping hurdles

Athletes spring over hurdles during the WIC District 1A and 2A track and field competition held in Homedale earlier this month. Local teams will compete in district competitions next week for the opportunity to travel to the state competitions later this month.



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Sports briefs

Track

Huskies place in Grizzly invitational

Despite the wind, it was the Weiser girls track and field team that blew away the field at the Grizzly Invitational Tuesday in Fruitland, finishing with a 148, 51 points ahead of second place Fruitland, while Weiser's boys edged out Fruitland 88 to 83 in taking second behind Nampa Christian at 129.

Payette finished third with 148 in the girl's standings. Nampa Christian was fourth at 90, Marsing, fifth at 76 and Vale's 30 landed it sixth.

Payette placed fourth on the boys side, narrowly beating out Vale's 75 with a 78. Marsing was sixth and Cambridge seventh.

Vale's Ben Pallas and Jed Capps each won an event, with Pallas winning the high jump with a jump of 6 feet, and Capps winning the 300 meter Intermediate Hurdles with a time of 43.8 seconds.

Aubrey Fewkes of Fruitland placed first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.53 seconds. Fewkes also took second in the 100 and the 200-meter races.

Tennis

Trojans draw with Vale in tennis dual

Homedale played to a 6-6 draw against Vale in a tennis dual match featuring four split-set matches and a remarkable performance from Homedale's girls singles players.

Caity Jones, Sara Brown and Krista Carmen all won 6-0, 6-0 in girls singles matches for the Trojans, leading the way to the tie in their last action before next week's District III-3A Tournament in Nampa.

Also for Homedale, Uriah Jones and Kevin Overton won three-set matches in boys singles while the No. 2 girls doubles team of Alicia Young and Lacey Vander Beogh also picked up a win.

The girl's doubles teams of Alysa Gluch-Kelly Roberts and Katie Johnson-Amie Holloway both fought hard in three-set losses for Homedale.

Softball

Lady Raiders loose fight with Lumberjacks

The Rimrock Raiders lost a softball clash to the Council Lumberjacks 25-20 on Thursday.

Miren Miller, Karlee Abbott and Adrea Thomas each homered in the fourth inning to help the Raiders erase a 10-run deficit.

The Raiders (5-7, 2-2) traveled to Wilder on Tuesday

Baseball

Lumberjacks take Raiders by one

The Council Lumberjacks came from behind to beat the Rimrock Raiders 8-7 Thursday in eight innings.

Council overcame a three run deficit in the seventh to send the game into extra innings. Rimrock's Alex Gainza hit a two-run home run in the third inning and Ryan Wilson struck out 12 Council batters in eight innings. Rimrock (1-9, 1-3) played in Wilder on Tuesday.

New Plymouth clinches WIC title with 32-2 victory over Trojans

The New Plymouth Pilgrims' baseball team clinched sole possession of the Western Idaho Conference title with a 32-2 dismantling of Homedale at New Plymouth High School. The win marked New Plymouth's first conference championship since 1994.

New Plymouth will enter the 2A District III Tournament as the No. 1 seed, granting it two district home games, the first of which, was Monday against McCall-Donnelly.

Every New Plymouth player had at least one hit. Jason Shipman doubled, was 3-for-4, scored four runs and had five RBI. Adam Shockley was a perfect 3-of-3 with a double, driving in a run, while scoring six runs and Drew Johnson went 2-for-3 with three RBI and six runs. Bud Gross was 2-for-2, scoring four runs and knocking in three.

Pat Warnke worked three innings on the mound to earn the win and improve to 5-1.

Brandon Hathhorn was 2-for-3 for the Trojans (9-12 overall, 6-6 WIC).

Huskies beat McCall for district seat

The Marsing Huskies beat Council 14-4 for a spot in this week's Western Idaho Conference District III-2A softball tournament in a play-off game at Sundance Park in Homedale Saturday.

The Huskies took advantage of a breakdown in defense against Payette Tuesday to begin the week with a 17-15 victory. On Thursday the Huskies took a beating from the Parma Panthers with a 13-1 loss.

Payette committed 12 errors and led 7-2 after two complete innings. Marsing scored seven runs in the third to go ahead 9-7.

The Pirates tied the game at 13 with six runs in the fifth, but the Huskies went ahead for good at 16-13 as they plated three in the sixth inning.

Jennifer Millet and Amy Van Wassenhove hit double bases and Tamara Kenyon, and foreign exchange student Kristen Springer from Germany, had two RBI apiece. Van Wassenhove took in three RBI.

The Huskies could not overcome Parma's pitcher who struck out 10 Huskies in a conference victory. Parma's Stephanie Derschon only allowed one run on two hits.

Saturday the Huskies stopped Council with seven runs in the bottom of the fourth and ended the game on the 10 run rule with four runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Rochelle Brooks, Amber Vestal, Pam Haines, April Vestal, Kenyon and Brandi Chadez had two RBI in the victory, which will put them against Parma again on Thursday in the first round of the district tournament in Homedale.

“District looks good,” Marsing Coach Jay McNeil said. “We should do well. My girls are on a roll and we should be able to keep it going. I think it should come down to Parma or New Plymouth. Parma has the pitching ability and New Plymouth has the defense.”

Millet got the pitching victory, pitching all five innings and striking out eight Council players and walked four.

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OCHS tours historic Oreana, Joyce Ranch

By Robert Boatman

The path that led from the homesteads and small farms of Owyhee County a century ago to the vast ranches and sprawling irrigated operations of today can be seen clearly in the history of the Joyce Ranch. No one is better qualified to point out the gold and silver, orchards and pastures, hunger and thirst to be found along the way than Paul Nettleton, whose family has been here from the beginning and traveled every mile of the road.

On Saturday, May 11, the Owyhee County Historical Society, led by Field Trip Chairman Jim Hyslop, began its tour in Oreana with a tour of the old Catholic church, the Oreana Cemetery founded in 1865, and then proceeded up the road toward Murphy to the Joyce Ranch on Sinker Creek, which is of the same original vintage.

While the church and cemetery are still in use, the ranch has been reborn every few years since its origin and is today one of the most successful operations in Owyhee County and far beyond.

Over a picnic lunch provided by members of the OCHS and served overlooking a meadow where Indians used to gather to commune with their own ancestors, Nettleton started telling his tale that began with an Irish family from the American midwest en route to California distracted by the opportunity to sell fruits and vegetables, milk and eggs, pigs and chickens to Silver City miners.

The big cattle drives from Texas changed the landscape and opened up even more opportunities. Irrigation from the Snake widened the horizons of opportunity still further. Nettleton talked a little about the current state of affairs, where the land of opportunity is locked in battle with federal regulators.

The history of the growth of Joyce Ranch is peppered with well-known Owyhee County names such as Hardin, Swisher, Morrison, Bennett, Lambert, Crocheron, Quintana, Gilmore, Dupont and Nettleton.

The Joyce Ranch Paul Nettleton owns today spans 11,000 acres and contains 31 historic homesteads. The tour paused at several of the old structures as it headed up the creek to Sinker Dam. From there, you could look over and see the site of the Raw Diamond fire, which occurred entirely on Nettleton's BLM allotment. The grass was beginning to grow anew and cover the hillsides with green. Nettleton said it was looking better than ever. Nevertheless, the BLM has closed the area down for two years, forcing Nettleton to graze his cattle elsewhere. He currently runs about a thousand head on the ranch.

The weather could not have cooperated more for the nearly 75 history buffs who turned out for the trip last weekend.

The next field trip is scheduled for June 8, when the destinations will be Poison Creek Station, Sand Basin and Succor Creek. Information about OCHS membership and field trips is available from the Owyhee County Historical Museum Complex at 495-2319.



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Oreana began life as a store in 1883.



Mary O'Malley explains the long and unusual history of the church.



The Oreana Cemetery has many historic gravesites and is still in use.



The Owyhee County Historical Society provided a picnic lunch for guests of the tour.



Joyce Ranch owner Paul Nettleton and Owyhee County Historical Society Field Trip Chairman Jim Hyslop answer questions from the crowd.



*Betty
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ASK BETTY

The secrets to successful cakes

Dear Betty,

Every time I bake a cake, something goes wrong—it gets a crack in the top or it falls. Help!

Covington, La.

A few simple secrets can help solve your cake-baking woes:

Check the oven temp. If you're getting cracks in your cakes, your oven might be the culprit, especially if it's too hot. Falling cake? The oven might be too cool. So be sure to set the oven at the temperature called for in the recipe or on the package.

Use the right size pan. Recipes and package instructions will tell you what size pan to use for best results. If the pan's too big, the cake won't rise properly. If it's too small, the batter will overflow. Usually the size is written on the bottom of the pan, but if it isn't, use a ruler to measure pans from inside rim to inside rim.

Keep to the beat. If you beat the batter too much, it's bound to peak and crack. Use low or medium speed on your mixer. If you're beating by hand, count 150 strokes per minute — and it's okay to take a breather!

Give your cake baking room. If pans are too cozy in the oven, the top may crack. So leave at least one inch between pans and keep them at least one inch from the sides of the oven.

Dear Betty,

When we got married, we put the top layer of our wedding cake in the freezer. Our first anniversary is coming up, and I was wondering how to defrost it.

Camden, Mich.

Congratulations on your anniversary! It'll be fun to recall your wedding day when you share a slice of your souvenir cake. But since baked, frosted cakes should only be frozen for up to three months, don't count on the cake tasting as good as it did on your happy day. To thaw the cake, loosen the wrap and put it in the fridge overnight.

Betty Crocker

What a Great Idea: To keep plastic wrap from sticking to a frosted cake, use toothpicks topped with miniature marshmallows to create "tent poles." Stick the toothpicks in the cake, then lay the plastic wrap over the marshmallows and tuck securely around the pan or plate.

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Teen-ager's discovery has parent hunting for right words

QUESTION: My 13-year-old son is at the full bloom of adolescence. I'm suspicious that he may be masturbating when he's alone, but I don't quite know how to approach him about it. Should I be concerned, and if so, what should I say to him?

DR. DOBSON: I don't think you should invade that private world at all unless there are unique circumstances that lead you to do so. I offer that advice while acknowledging that masturbation is a highly controversial subject and parents differ widely in their perspectives on it. I will answer your question, but I hope you understand that better men and women than I will differ radically and emotionally with what I will say.

First, let's consider masturbation from a medical perspective. We can say without fear of contradiction that there is no scientific evidence to indicate that this act is harmful to the body. Despite terrifying warnings given to young people historically, it does not cause blindness, weakness, mental retardation or any other physical problem. If it did, the entire male population and about half of females would be blind, weak, simple-minded and sick. Between 95 percent to 98 percent of all boys engage in this practice — and the rest have been known to lie. It is as close to universal behavior as is likely to occur. A lesser but still significant percentage of girls also engage in what was once called "self-gratification."

As for the emotional consequences of masturbation,

only three circumstances should give us cause for concern.

The first is when it is associated with oppressive guilt from which the individual can't escape. That guilt has the potential to do considerable psychological and spiritual damage. A boy may promise a thousand times with great sincerity never again to commit this despicable act. Then a week or two passes, or perhaps several months. Eventually, the hormonal pressures accumulate until nearly every waking moment reverberates with sexual desire. Finally, in a moment (and I do mean "a moment") of weakness, it happens again. I am convinced that some teen-agers have thrown over their faith because of their inability to please God on this point of masturbation.

The second circumstance in which masturbation might have harmful implications is when it becomes extremely obsessive. That is more likely to occur when it has been understood by the individual to be "forbidden fruit." I believe the best way to prevent that kind of obsessive response is for adults not to emphasize or condemn it. Regardless of what you do, you will not stop the practice of masturbation in your teen-agers. That is a certainty. You'll just drive it underground — or under covers. Nothing works as a "cure." Cold showers, lots of exercise, many activities and awesome threats are ineffective. Attempting to suppress this act is one campaign that is destined to fail — so why wage it?

The third situation around which we should be concerned is when the young person becomes addicted to pornographic material. The kind of obscenity available to teen-agers today has the

capacity to grab and hold a boy — it's usually a boy — for the rest of his life. Parents will want to intervene if there is evidence that their son or daughter is heading down that well-worn path.

The fourth concern about masturbation refers not to adolescents but to us as adults. This habit has the capacity to follow us into marriage and become a substitution for healthy sexual interaction between a husband and wife. The implications of that for a meaningful sex life are obvious.

So what should parents say to their kids about this subject? My advice is to say nothing after puberty has occurred. You will only cause embarrassment and discomfort. For those who are younger, it would be wise to include the subject of masturbation in the "preparing for adolescence" conversation I have recommended on other occasions. Discuss the subject openly and confidently before it has become an issue in the child's personal experience.

Those are my views, for what they are worth. I know my recommendations will be inflammatory to some people. If you are one of them, please forgive me.

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Editor's notebook

Joe Aman

A lesson in local government

The contest is for a school district trustee. And it is ironic that the race is to decide who will be one of the board members who make decisions – curriculum decisions – that will mold the future of education in Homedale.

Regardless of who wins the race, I'd like to make a suggestion: place more emphasis on government; in particular, local government and how it functions.

Let me explain. One of the candidates is running an advertisement in this week's paper listing about 135 names of individuals who support her.

Of that list, about 40 percent of those people don't live in the zone in which she is running.

You say it doesn't matter? Yes, it does.

The school board is made up of representatives of different zones. Each trustee represents the citizens of his or her zone. He or she does not represent anyone in any other zone. His or her constituency is limited to the boundary of that zone. The voice, opinion, or views of others outside that zone should not be the primary interest or concern of that trustee. His or her representation

is of the folks who live in that zone. Any candidate who feels otherwise would not be a good representative of his or her designated zone or those who live there.

It's a different philosophy altogether when it comes to county commissioners. Even though they are from different geographical areas, they are elected at-large. The commissioners represent all the people in the county, while a school district trustee represents only those in his or her zone.

Both are very good systems, designed for specific types of local government.

Let's keep it that way, both in law and practice.

What are they hiding?

It's been eight months – two-thirds of a year – since the fiscal period ended for Owyhee County. That figures in that only a third of this year remains. And yet, after repeated requests, we've still not seen the annual financial report for last year.

Idaho law requires that the report be filed with the commissioners by the second Monday of January of each year. Idaho law also requires the report be made public by publishing it in the official newspaper of the county. The public has been denied this financial information.

What's the problem? Is there something they are wanting to keep from the public's scrutiny? It makes one wonder, doesn't it?

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Front sight

Robert Boatman

Do you feel lucky?

A few days ago a Glenss Ferry man, Benjamin C. Caler, was confronted with a gang of four juveniles and youths breaking into his motor home. He shot and wounded one of the intruders.

Instead of being awarded a medal for taking a dangerous young criminal off the street, Caler was charged with aggravated assault by Elmore County Prosecutor Aaron Bazzoli and held in the Elmore County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

Instead of congratulating Caler for catching a criminal red-handed and preventing his escape, Elmore County Sheriff Rick Layher said, "We would much rather have people get a good description of suspects and a license plate or something like that."

With a pair like Bazzoli and Layher protecting the bad guys and doing everything they can to discourage the good guys from acting in their own defense, it's no wonder that criminals in Elmore County feel they can just break into somebody's home and take it over.

Prosecutor Bazzoli admits the charges against Caler could change depending on investigators' reports, but he didn't wait to find out the truth before he charged Caler with a serious felony and immediately incarcerated him. All charges against Caler may well be dropped entirely, but the over-zealous prosecutor has already gone out of his way to exert emotional and financial punishment on an innocent man. I call that despicable.

Sheriff Layher says he supports the right to own guns, but prefers to see them locked up where they can't be employed for anything as useful as self-defense. How generous of the sheriff to lend his support to an ancient right that is clearly spelled out in the United States Constitution whether Layher supports it or not. And as for keeping constitutional rights under lock and key, note that Layher's own gun is, of course, not locked up but readily available to protect his own life and property. I call that ignorant on the one hand and hypocritical on the other.

Shooter Caler may be his own worst enemy. He told the sheriff and the prosecutor that he was only firing a "warning shot" and hit the intruder in the arm by accident, incidentally severing a major artery. In the first place, "warning shots" are only fired in Hollywood because, in real life, they are among the dumbest and most dangerous things you can do. In the second place, a civil lawsuit for monetary damages caused by an accidental shooting is one of the worst things that can happen to you. If you shoot a guy deliberately because he's trying to hurt you, that's one thing. But if you shoot him accidentally, the presumption is that you had no reason to shoot him deliberately and were therefore acting irresponsibly.

One of the few intelligent comments to come out of this whole fiasco was from a wise observer who said, "If you ever have to discharge your firearm in defense of your person, here are the only words the police should ever hear you say: (1) I was only trying to stop the threat to my person, and (2) I'll give you a complete statement after my lawyer gets here."

Defense of self, home and loved ones may begin with a bullet, as it has since time immemorial. But, like most things in this legality-obsessed age, it often ends with a bill from your lawyer.

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Senior news

Homedale Senior Citizens' Center

Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, veggies, bean salad, roll and pudding will be served for dinner on Thursday, May 16.

Breakfast, including bacon, eggs, hashbrowns and pancakes will be served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, May 17. At 9 a.m. a Paint on Cloth class given by Leona Manke will be held. A \$20 charge includes all supplies.

Music will be provided by "Yesterdays Country" at a dance held on Saturday evening, May 18, from 7-10:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Turkey pot pie, veggies, salad and cottage cheese with fruit will be served for dinner on Tuesday, May 21. The shopping bus will be in Homedale.

On Wednesday, May 22 linedancing will be offered at 10:30 a.m. At 11:00 the bus will go to Givens. The cost is \$3 for the bus and \$4 for swimming.

Marsing Senior Citizens' Center

Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green vegetables, carrot/raisin salad, bread, fruit and cookie will be served for dinner on Thursday, May 16.

On Monday, May 20, spare ribs and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, beets, green salad, rolls and fruit cobbler will be served for dinner.

Breakfast, including bacon or sausage, eggs, pancakes or waffles will be held on Wednesday, May 22.

Commentary

On the edge of common sense

Baxter Black, DVM

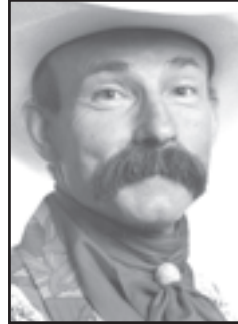
Jumpy's incarceration

Because of the carnivorous wildlife around our place we keep the cow dogs up at night. They get shut in the yard and stand guard. Ranch house security, so to speak.

One night Hattie came in alone. She's the blue heeler cross, but Pancho Villa, the blue-eyed Australian shepherd never came. Our calls and whistles were in vain, so we left the gate open. Next morning he was still a no show. I went out to feed, called for him. I drove out to the main road with a knot in my stomach. But, still no sign. Late afternoon I decided I'd finally hang a picture in the house. A chore I had put off for months. I walked out to the shop to get the drill. I unlocked the door, pushed it open and Pancho Villa nearly knocked me over!

All was well, he was safe and life could go on. But that night I had a chill thinking about how seldom I went to the shop. Maybe once a week. We'd moved our tools to the tack room where

we'd been working. Except the day before. I'd gone to get an extension cord. Pancho followed me in but I'd left alone and locked the door. I don't like to think about it.



thing.

He's dad's shadow, trots along behind when they check the calving cows. Jumpy's feet hit the ground, then a fraction of a second later his skin comes down. They do make one concession to Jumpy; howling coyotes scare him so they let him in the garage at night.

One December day he disappeared. No sign, no scuffle, no blood, no war. Probably coyotes, the folks figured. They still looked and asked the

neighbors but eventually gave up. They missed him though.

In February, Dad bought some cows at the sale barn in Winner. He pulled the 20-foot aluminum stock trailer to town to bring 'em home. He backed up to the loading chute and the yard man asked him why he brought his dog. Dad said he didn't. "What's that?" the yard man asked, pointing.

Jumpy had been locked in the trailer since dad's last hauling trip fifty days before. The trailer was slicked clean except for Jumpy's little piles. He was thinner. It was an unexpected reunion. A combination of things allowed this story to have a happy ending. A warm, South Dakota winter, frost for moisture, Jumpy's low maintenance demeanor, the price of cows, and luck.

Today Jumpy has gained his weight back and is once again his normal pleasant self. But the family is a little more thorough about closing doors, boxes, trailers, well houses, shops and such. They take one last peek.

And so do I.

Letters to the editor

Supports Bittick

For the past nine years it has been my privilege to serve on the Homedale School Board as the Zone 3 representative. On May 27th when I present our daughter Becky with her diploma, I will have had the honor of presenting diplomas to three of our six children.

This month a new representative will be elected to fill my position on the board. While the morale of the employees of the district has improved in recent months, there are steps that need to be taken now to insure that this district maintains its positive course. My personal view is that parents and patrons need to follow the chain of command, and then step back to allow our outstanding staff of coaches and teachers to do their jobs. If the board allows pressure groups to dictate hiring, firing, and playing time, then the exodus from Homedale by our staff will surely follow. These are people who have dedicated their lives to education and are now asking themselves, is it worth it? I have sat through hours of intense discussion over sports issues while the awards and accomplishments of our students and staff have received minutes of praise.

I am supporting Jim Bittick in his bid to become our new representative. Jim is a positive individual who looks at issues from all sides and is not afraid to ask questions. While Jim's daytime job places him in a position to hear and discuss school issues from a local perspective, being a basketball referee allows him to gauge other communities' perception of the Homedale district. I believe that at this time his balanced view of sports and academics would be a great benefit to our school system.

Homedale's excellent team of administration and staff has the talent, training, and drive to meet the ambitious goals the district has set. Let's give them the chance to make it happen.

I want to sincerely thank all of the patrons of Zone 3 for allowing me to represent them these past nine years.

Fred O. Butler
Wilder

Supports Watterson

As a senior citizen of Owyhee County, former volunteer and manager of the Open Class exhibits at the Owyhee County Fair, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Bill Watterson, Chairman of the Fair Board. Bill and all the other members of the fair board have spent many hours of hard work, donating their time and equipment to improve the county fairgrounds. You have only to attend each year to note the great differences. Many new and exciting changes have taken place from year to year.

It has taken a joint effort to accomplish this new look. New buildings, barns, picnic tables and a variety of entertainment each day has been added. New trees and flowers have been donated to help give the fairgrounds a facelift. Many groups make up this important community event by participating in the preparation and cleaning of the grounds. 4-H and FFA personnel, leaders, members, and volunteers, superintendents, managers and the rodeo people all make it a community unifier. Hats off to all of them!

A special thanks to Bill Watterson. Because of his honesty and integrity, he will work to get things done. I believe he would be a great Owyhee County Commissioner, because he is not afraid to face the hard issues.

Patricia Lootens
Homedale

Proud to be a Homedale girl

I just wanted to share my thoughts after attending the Darin Haylett Benefit Auction on Saturday night. The support from this community was tremendous! I personally enjoyed seeing hundreds of people I haven't seen for far too long. There were hundreds of items donated - which in most cases were purchased for much more than the retail value by the generous bidders. The food was great and the atmosphere was spirited. The outpouring of support for the Haylett family was very heartwarming.

I have never been more proud to be a 'Homedale girl' than I was on Saturday. Our little town is a very special place with many, many special people!

Andrea Jackson
Eagle, ID

Supports Hoff

It is my privilege and pleasure to write this letter of support on behalf of Judge Renae Hoff.

I have known Judge Hoff personally and professionally for many years. I have worked closely with her and have the ultimate respect for her work ethic, focus, and commitment to her profession.

For several years, in her capacity as magistrate judge, Judge Hoff has handled a tremendous caseload in the Nampa Court and has done so efficiently and effectively. Her personal and professional contributions to the community are numerous and have always been a high priority to her.

In short, Judge Hoff was respected as an attorney and as a magistrate judge and she will bring those same essential qualities to the position of district judge. Your support at the polls on May 28th would be appreciated - Judge Hoff has earned that support.

Pamela K. Dugger
Homedale

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Commentary

Accuracy in media

Arafat’s terrorist past

President Bush’s recent characterization of Ariel Sharon as a “man of peace” stirred skeptical reporters to bombard officials and members of Congress with questions, asking if they agreed with Bush, leaving the impression that they didn’t. At a press conference given by Hasan Abdel Rahman, the Chief Representative of the Palestinian Authority in the U.S. on May 9, a largely sympathetic group of journalists asked questions that evoked condemnation of Israel and Sharon, and none that required a defense of Arafat’s record as a terrorist.

These reporters might have taken a different tack had they known more about Yasser Arafat’s terrorist past. His record is so shocking and reprehensible that they would have been justified in asking why the United States has any dealings with him at all. Very few people know that thirty years ago Arafat’s Al Fatah had a terrorist arm called Black September which was responsible for the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics, a brutal deed that shocked the world. Still fewer know that in March 1973, Arafat ordered a Black September attack on the Saudi embassy in Sudan, where our Ambassador Cleo Noel, our Deputy Chief of Mission George C. Moore and Belgian diplomat Guy Eid were taken hostage at a reception. They were brutally murdered, said to have been shot in a way that made their deaths especially agonizing.

These murders were front-page news for days, but Arafat’s role is little known because it was discovered in super-secret communications intercepts of the National Security Agency (NSA). It was kept secret for years until James J. Welsh, who was the NSA’s Palestinian analyst, decided that his obligation to let the truth be known outweighed his pledge to keep his work secret. He revealed that he worked on the intercepts of Arafat ordering the murder. First reported in WorldNetDaily more than a year ago, what he has disclosed has been almost completely ignored by both the media and by the Bush administration. The tapes of Arafat giving the order to carry out the attack and the murders have never surfaced, even during a mid-1980s Justice Department investigation of Arafat’s role in the operation.

Welsh said that in 1973, Arafat’s number two man had ordered the Black September operation and that NSA learned just the day before it took place that the Saudi embassy in Khartoum was to be taken over during a reception that was being held there. A warning was sent to our embassy via the State Department, but for some reason it was delayed and the takeover of the Saudi Embassy was successful. NSA then picked up two more communications, including one from Arafat confirming the execution order. His calls came from the Shatila refugee camp in Lebanon, which was the site of the PLO headquarters and a known terrorist training facility. The Black September murderers surrendered to Sudanese authorities, but they were later released to the PLO and flown out of the country.

This, if correct, means that for thirty years the U.S. government has known that Yasser Arafat was personally directly responsible for the cowardly murder of our ambassador to Sudan, a senior U.S. diplomat, and a Belgian diplomat. Early efforts to maintain secrecy could be explained by the government’s need to protect the sources and methods of acquiring this information, but it is hardly a secret these days that we listen in on the communications of terrorist organizations like the PLO.

What is less understandable is the evidence that the official records in the National Archives have been purged to keep the information about Arafat’s despicable deeds from being known by the American people. Russ Braley, a retired foreign correspondent, recently found documentary proof confirming Welsh’s account of Arafat’s role in the 1973 murders. His search was frustrated by a lack of cooperation from the Archives, where the relevant records had been purged.

He says, “I found only about a dozen telegrams on the Khartoum developments themselves, not the stack of papers I expected for an event of this magnitude.” He finally found a CIA report quoted in a telegram from Secretary of State William Rogers to selected embassies that had escaped the purge. It said in part, “No significant distinction now can be made between BSO (Black September) and Fatah...Fatah leader Yasir Arafat has now been described in recent intelligence reports as having given approval to the Khartoum operation prior to its inception.” He was a terrorist leader then, and the suicide bombings show that he is one today.

Farm Bureau

Term limits debate lacks common sense

by John Thompson
Director of Information

“Excuse me sir, are you a registered voter in this county?”

How many of us have heard that question in the last few weeks? Backed by out of state funds, the term limits zealots are out in full force accosting shoppers with half-truths about this contentious issue.

Before signing on the dotted line, Idaho voters would be wise to take a closer look at who is really supporting this initiative and what term limits will really accomplish.

The term limits debate also got more confusing recently when a referendum was added to the mix. If you have recently signed a term limits petition, do you know whether you signed on in support of the initiative or the referendum?

An article in the Twin Falls Times-News recently pointed out the differences between the referendum and the initiative. To put the initiative on the November ballot, term limits supporters need signatures from 43,685 registered voters by May 2. The referendum allows supporters two more weeks, or until May 14 to collect the same amount of signatures.

If passed, the referendum would overturn H.B. 425, the Legislature’s repeal of term limits. Then in November voters would decide on the same initiative that passed in 1994, which is considered the most restrictive term limits law in the nation. It would limit the terms of nearly all elected officials in Idaho.

The initiative, however, would limit terms for state executive officers to eight years and limit terms of state legislators to 12 consecutive years. The initiative currently being circulated would have no effect on local offices such as school boards, sheriffs etc.

On a similar front, Idaho Statesman editors recently raised an interesting point related to whether or not the Legislature should have the right to overturn a voter initiative. They correctly concluded that “Idahoans will live to regret it if the Legislature is not allowed to provide a check over initiatives, which sometimes are based on emotions rather than sound government.”

Emotions and out of state funds are fueling this term limits drive. The legislators who had the courage to throw out a bogus term limits bill should be commended for their foresight. Voters who will step back and make a more thoughtful evaluation will conclude that the best way to elect our leaders is by employing our right to vote. Not by substituting the checks and balances of good government for arbitrary, one size fits all regulations.

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

May 12, 1977

“Spring fair” draws crowd

MARSING—Saturday was the Second Annual Spring Fair, held at Marsing, at the elementary school grounds.

The fair was actually a workshop for anyone involved in the 4-H programs, and the Future Farmers of America, who live in Owyhee County.

There were four divisions: beef, sheep, swine, and dairy, where local farmers would come to show the members how to prepare their animal for show, how to work them, and what they are judged on. Also at the workshop was a program on horses.

After the workshop, the members put on their own show with the techniques they learned at the workshop. Ribbons were awarded, courtesy of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce, and a trophy was given by Frank Davis.

Leon Church said that this year there were more people, and he hopes that the attendance of this fair will enable the groups to have such fairs in the future.

Subdivision approval given

HOMEDALE – Preliminary approval was given Boise Cascade for a 23-lot subdivision at Monday night’s city council meeting.

Marion Vance, developer, presented the proposal for the homes. The property lies between 5th and 6th Street, on the old drive-in theater property southwest of Homedale. Also receiving prelimiary approval was the annexation of the subdivision.

Several visitors were at the meeting, questioning rights-of-way, property lines, and street widths. Following discussion of the various questions, city attorney Gary Morgan was instructed to obtain information from original plats.

School elections Tuesday

HOMEDALE – Tuesday is Election Day for two school board members here in Homedale.

Hal Tolmie is running for re-election from Zone Five, which is the zone marked by all of that portion of the said School District lying within the city limits of the City of Homedale, and north of the center line of Montana Ave.

Three people are running for the spot from Zone One. That area is defined as being at the junction of the Snake River and Succor Creek, that being the real point of beginning: thence upstream along the West bank of Succor Creek to the South line of said School District; thence West along the South line of said School District: thence West along the South line of the district to the Oregon-Idaho state line to the South bank of the Snake River: thence upstream along the South bank of the Snake River to the real point of beginning.

Running in the Fifth Zone will be Roy Kubosumi, up for re-election, Wanda Ferguson, and Lawrence Kent.

The polling place will be the Junior High School in town, and will be open from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m.

In order to vote, you must be a resident of the state according to Idaho State law, and of the zone you intend to vote on.

Jaycees plan celebration

HOMEDALE– The Homedale Jaycees have begun plans for the annual Fourth of July celebration according to Larry Bauer, who is serving as general chairman this year.

Those organizations, which might be interested in participating in this event, are asked to contact Larry Bauer at 337-3217 after 6 p.m.

Other chairmen this year are Mike Kelly, dinner; Kent Simon, games; John Farley, dances and Larry Bauer, Fireworks.

50 years ago

May 15, 1952

Seniors to graduate May 27 at Homedale

Homedale high school seniors will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises to be held Tuesday, May 27; at 8 p.m. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 25, at 8 p.m. Both services will be at the high school auditorium.

Members of the senior class are Floy Abbott, Marilyn Adams, Juanita Anderson, Margie Baldwin, Cecil Burnett, Fred Breach, Elaine Bridgedale, Blanch Crichton, Wanita Drum Orr, Gerald Dulaney, Ronald Geertson, Bud Griffin, Hal Griffith, Jim Holbrook, Mardee Henderson, James Itano, Ray Johnson, Keith Leavitt, Leon McGuire, Bill Morrison, Rodger Nash, Laura Nielsen, Dick Newby, Don Olsen, Margaret Porter, Ricardo Salutregui, Joan Swan, Tom Taylor, Donna Lee Thompson, Larry Taggart, Dean Vance, Jean Vance, Louise Murray, and Vee Davenport.

Fair board to use prize money for new buildings

Prize winners at the Owyhee county fair to be held at Homedale August 22-23 will be awarded ribbons in lieu of cash prizes. Money saved will be put in the fund for new buildings at the fair grounds, board members announced following a recent meeting.

Judges selected to officiate at the fair are Wade Wells, beef and swine; Tony Horn, vegetables and fruit; Mark Calnon, dairy; Howard Roylance, agriculture; and Yale Holland, sheep.

Hayes Lumber Company, Homedale, was low bidder for the fair barn. Dick Fry, Jr., Homedale, was awarded the building contract.

12-Mill levy approved in special school election at Homedale

A 12-mill levy for operation and maintenance of Homedale schools was approved unanimously by the 30 voters who visited the polls Monday in a special election of Joint Class A school district No. 370, Owyhee and Canyon Counties.

The 12-mill levy, which is the same as in past years and which will raise approximately \$25,218.56, will be levied by the board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Officiating at the election were Mrs. Verda Johnston, Mrs. Edith Yost, and Mrs. Wanda Baker.

Closing exercises scheduled for Marsing seniors

Baccalaureate and commencement exercises for Marsing high school seniors will be Sunday, May 18, and Wednesday, May 21, Don Parmalee, principal, announced this week.

Class officers include Robison, president; Marvin Wilson, vice president; Mary Ann Ihli, secretary; Barbara Larsen, treasurer; and Dale Stone and Jim Walker student council representatives.

Members of the graduating class include Dorothy Ballinger, Ronald Brewer, Arlene Burman, Chester Case, Ralph Chase, Forrest Fleck, Duane Greer, Melvin Hale, Mary Ann Ihli, Betty Kaneshige, Barbara Larsen, Dale Lawrence, Cyril Lootens, Betty Needs Kent, Evelyn Rabourn, Don Raymond, Shirley Renz, Tom Robison, Harold Sircin, James Stewart, Dale Stone, Sally Subia, Virginia Symms, Roman Usable, James Walker, Alberta Wallace, and Marvin Wilson.

134 years ago

May 9, 1868

GOOD NEWS. – The welcome news has at last arrived that a company of soldiers have been stationed in Flint. Glorious news! Three cheers for Uncle Sam! The Flintites need fear no Indians now. Soldiers? Yes, two of them – locked up in the calaboose – just enough for company. The way the “blue coats” came to be stationed in Flint appears thusly: Two soldiers were sent from Camp Three Forks Owyhee to Flint on business unknown to us. They tarried for a night, (and for several nights thereafter) and not having any money, some of the Flint boys took compassion on their sun-burnt countenances and treated them to a liberal quantity of tangle-leg. After the “sojer” boys had freely imbibed for some time they coveted something else and made a raid on a virtuously caste almond-eyed female resident, broke in a window of her dwelling and chased the muchly frightened lady, clothed in nothing but her *robe de suit*, to the cabin of a gallant bachelor, where she was taken in and carefully cared for during the night. A hue and cry was immediately raised by some male acquaintances of the lady in question, a number of brave fellows, armed with Henry and Spencer rifles, under the command of the “Ancient Mariner,” it is said, hurried to the scene of tumult, gobbled up the two heroes and delivered them into the charge of Justice King, who hadn’t had a case on his docket for a month. The trial has been set, is still in session, and is liable to set still for some time to come. We understand the soldiers offered to raise eighteen or twenty dollars, about the cost of replacing a window in the house, and leave Flint forever. But no, justice must be done and the dignity of Flint maintained, so the military are kept in “durance vile” after the manner of King Theodore’s captives. It is probable that the officials at Camp Three Forks will pay a handsome sum in greenbacks for the prisoners. We congratulate our neighbors upon having obtained military aid. They appear to follow the maxim of “when you’ve got a good thing, keep it.”

PHOTOGRAPHER. – Spring has come. Everybody should go to Leslie’s Photographic Gallery for the purpose of getting their shadow into tangible shape to send to father and mother, sisters and brothers, wives and sweethearts – it don’t cost much. You may never see the loved ones at home – send them your photograph; next to the original they would value a likeness more than anything else on earth. Leslie will soon have a large variety of pictures, landscape views of our mountains, quartz-mills, etc. – magnificent gifts for friends at home.

FIRE! FIRE! – We have been requested by a number of citizens to call a meeting for the purpose of inaugurating some means for protection against fire. Precautionary measures should be taken before it is too late. The weather is now becoming warm and dry and a fire may at any time be expected. A meeting will be held at Sommercamp’s Saloon next Monday evening at 7:30 o’clock – every one who owns a building in town should attend. Let something be done – it will not cost much and may prevent the town from being laid in ashes. Remember Monday evening, everybody.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES. – Agreeable to the law which provides that School Trustees shall be elected on the first Monday in May of each year, a meeting was held at the Court House last Monday at two o’clock, p.m. E. Borman, J. S. Butler and Geo. A. Young were elected School Trustees for the ensuing year. All of them being men who have children of their own to educate, we have every reason to believe that they will use every means in their power to advance the cause of education by maintaining a good public school in our midst.

Public notices

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Remark: Applicant agrees to mitigate consumptive use in the future as needed.
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code.
Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 06/03/2002. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
KARL J DREHER, Director

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Trustee’s Sale No. 02-WG-28641

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW CORP., the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on
September 4, 2002, at the hour of 02:00 PM, of said day, ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CORNER OF STATE HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID., sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

A tract of land situated within that portion of the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B. M. Owyhee County, Idaho, lying North and East of the railroad right of way described as follows:

Commencing at a point where the East boundary line of said SE 1/4 NE 1/4 intersects the North boundary line of said railroad right of way; and continuing

North along the East boundary line of said SE 1/4 NE 1/4 a distance of 400 feet; thence

N 63 degrees 18’56” W on a line parallel with the North boundary line of said railroad right of way and 400 feet North thereof a distance of 762.5 feet, being the Real Point of Beginning; thence continuing

N 63 degrees 18’56” W on a line parallel with the North boundary line of said railroad right of way and 400 feet North thereof a distance of 109 feet; thence

S 0 degrees 18’30” E on a line parallel with the East boundary line of said SE 1/4 NE 1/4 a distance of 400 feet to the North boundary line of said railroad right of way; thence

Southeasterly along the North boundary line of the said railroad right of way a distance of 109 feet; thence

N 0 degrees 18’30” W on a line parallel with the East boundary line of said SE 1/4 NE 1/4 a distance of 400 feet of the Real Point of Beginning.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of RT. 1 BOX 159, MARSING, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by WILL T. SEVY AND AMANDA S. SEVY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to OWYHEE TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK FSB, as Beneficiary, dated 3/27/1997, recorded 3/31/1997, under instrument No. 221391. Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK FA, SUCCESSOR TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK FSB.

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

The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 3/27/1997, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 11/1/2001 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH.

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| | Amount due as of |
| | April 30, 2002 |
| Delinquent Payments from November 01, 2001 | |
| 6 payments at \$ 475.77 each | \$ 2,854.62 |
| (11-01-01 through 04–30-02i) | |
| Late Charges: | \$ 59.58 |
| Beneficiary Advances: | \$ 407.15 |
| TOTAL | \$ 3,321.35 |

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$49,888.28, together with interest thereon at 8.375% per annum from 10/1/2001, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
DATED: April 30, 2002.

ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW CORP.

Trustee

By Bobbi Oldfield

Trust Officer

c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION

720 Seventh Avenue, Suite 400

Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550

Sale information: <http://www.rtrustee.com>

5/15, 22, 29, 6/5/02

INVITATION TO BID BUS MAINTENANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Sealed bids will be received in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Grand View, Idaho 83624, P.O. Box 310, Telephone (208) 834-2253, until 4 o’clock p.m., May 21, 2002 for bus maintenance, materials and services.

Specifications or additional details (including bid forms) may be secured from Superintendent Bob Ranells.

The bids will be opened at the regular board meeting, May 22 a Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 8 p.m.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.

By order of the Board of Trustees

Joint School District No. 365

P.O. Box 310

Grand View, Idaho 83624

Catherine R. Sellman,

Clerk

5/8, 15/02

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF TRUSTEE ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365 BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW, ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by the majority consent of the Trustees of the District, the **Zone 3 TRUSTEE ELECTION**, Joint School District No. 365, scheduled to be held at 12 o’clock NOON to 8 P.M. at Grand View Elementary, Owyhee County and George Bennett, Jr. residence, Elmore County on Tuesday, May 21,

2002 has been cancelled.

Cancelled according to: Idaho Code 33-502B: Only one nomination was filed in **Zone 3**

for the Trustee position; therefore, no election will be held. Candidate declared elected.

The Trustee election scheduled for

Zone 5

will be held from 12 o’clock NOON until 8 P.M. at the Riddle Store and the Oreana Community Hall.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2002.

Catherine R. Sellman,

Clerk

Bruneau-Grand View

School District No. 365

5/15/02

ELECTION CANCELLATION NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 34-1407, Idaho Code, The Bruneau Valley Library District hereby notifies qualified electors of this taxing district that no election will be held on May 28th, 2002, for the office of trustee of said district since one declaration of candidacy has been filed for one open position.

Ginny Roeder

Clerk

Bruneau Valley Library

5/15/02

LEGAL NOTICE

Pioneer M.H. Home Park and Mini Storage will sell at a Silent Public Auction on May 28, 2002, the stored household belongs of the delinquent account listed below. The auction will be held at 1060 East Pioneer Road, Homedale, Idaho and will begin at 11:00 a.m. Goods to be sold in accordance with Idaho Code. Laurie Cordova
405 W. Utah
Homedale, Idaho 83628
Unit # A-9

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

5/10, 15/02

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

Owyhee County Primary Elections will be held Tuesday, May 28, 2002 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the following precinct polling places:

North Homedale –
Senior Citizens Center
224 W. Idaho Avenue
South Homedale –
Magistrate Court Building
31 W. Wyoming Avenue
North Marsing –
Senior Citizens Center
218 Main
South Marsing –
Extension Office
238 W. 8th Ave.
Wilson –
Wilson Fire Station
Wilson
Pleasant Valley –
Elementary School
Oreana –
Community Hall,
Oreana Loop Road
Murphy –
Courthouse,
Mile Marker 291/2
Highway 78
Riddle –
Riddle Store
Grand View –
Eastern Owyhee Library,
520 Boise Ave.
Three Creek -
School
Bruneau –
American Legion Building
5/15, 23/02

LEGAL NOTICE

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday on May 27 and the Primary Election on May 28, 2002 the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners will not meet the week of May 27, 2002. The Board will meet Monday, June 3, 2002.

5/15, 22/02

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LEGAL NOTICE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §39-423

PUBLIC HEARING: Residents of Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington Counties are invited to comment on the proposed county contributions to the Southwest District Health fiscal year 2003 budget. Such hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, 11:00 a.m. at Southwest District Health, 920 Main, Room 206, Caldwell, Idaho.

At the conclusion of this hearing, the estimated cost to each county for FY2003 will be submitted to the Budget Committee by the District Board and approval of a final budget of county funds will be requested, as determined by the provisions of §39-434, Idaho Code.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: The Southwest District Board of Health and Budget Committee will meet in open public forum on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 11:30 a.m. (or directly following the Public Hearing) at Southwest District Health, 920 Main, Caldwell, Idaho, for the purpose of finalizing the budget of county funds for Southwest District Health’s fiscal year 2003 budget.

The following tables set forth the amounts of county funds to be appropriated and contributed by each county within the boundaries of said district, and the amounts expended for “salaries and wages, and other expenses,” during each of the three previous county fiscal years by said department.

AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED BY COUNTY

| | |
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| Adams | \$ 23,044 |
| Canyon | 631,066 |
| Gem | 72,434 |
| Owyhee | 51,380 |
| Payette | 96,377 |
| Washington | 52,315 |
| Total | \$926,616 |

| | FY-2000 | FY-2001 | FY-2002 | FY-2003 |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Expenditures | BUDGET | REQUEST | REQUEST |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 655,069 | \$ 674,721 | \$ 694,963 | \$ 694,962 |
| Other Expenses | 218,356 | 224,907 | 231,655 | 231,654 |
| TOTAL | \$ 873,425 | \$ 899,628 | \$ 926,618 | \$ 926,616 |

The proposed budget offered by the District Board of Health may be examined at any of the Southwest District Health offices at: 920 Main Street, Caldwell; 824 S. Diamond, Nampa; 1008 East Locust, Emmett; 1155 Third District Avenue North, Payette; 46 West Court, Weiser; or 24 West Idaho, Homedale.

5/15/02

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Public notices

SUMMONS
Case no. CV-01-03287
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF OWYHEE
RISK MANAGEMENT
ALTERNATIVES, INC.,
Plaintiff, vs.
KERRY K. SMITH and
AUDREY HUGHES, formerly
husband and wife,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN
SUED BY THE ABOVE-
NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE
COURT MAY ENTER
JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU
WITHOUT FURTHER
NOTICE UNLESS YOU
RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS.

READ THE INFORMATION
BELOW.
TO: KERRY K. SMITH
AUDREY HUGHES
Marsing, Idaho
YOU ARE HEREBY
NOTIFIED that in order to
defend this lawsuit, an
appropriate written response
must be filed with the above
designated court within 20
days after service of this
Summons on you. If you fail to
so respond the court may enter
judgment against you as
demanded by the plaintiff in
the Complaint.
A copy of the Complaint is
served with this Summons. If
you wish to seek the advice or
representation by an attorney
in this matter, you should do

so promptly so that you written
response, if any, may be filed
in time and other legal rights
protected.
An appropriate written
response requires compliance
with Rule 10 (a) (1) and other
Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure
and shall also include:
1. The title and number of this
case.
2. If your response is an Answer
to the Complaint it must
contain admissions or denials
of the separate allegations of
the Complaint and other
defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing
address and telephone
number, or the signature,
mailing address and telephone
number of your attorney.

4. Proof of mailing or delivery
of a copy of your response to
plaintiff's attorney, as
designated above.
To determine whether you
must pay a filing fee with your
response, contact the Clerk of
the above-entitled court.
DATED this 31st day of
August 2001.
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
By Lena Johnson
Deputy

5/1, 8, 15, 22/02

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 20TH day of **August, 2002**, at the hour of **10:45 A.M.**, of said day, (recognized local time), in the **lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy**, in the county of Owyhee, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

The North Half of Lot 7 and the North Half of the West Half of Lot 6 of Block 2 of the Amended Townsite Plat of HOMEDALE, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Official Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors office, the address of **631 W. Nevada Avenue, Homedale**, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by

RALPH RANGEL AND JANET RANGEL, husband and wife, as grantors, to **FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC.**, an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of **E Q U I C R E D I T CORPORATION OF ID**, as beneficiary, recorded **August 30, 1999**, as Instrument No. **229638**, and assigned to **E Q U I C R E D I T CORPORATION OF AMERICA**, as beneficiary, by assignment recorded **April 2, 2002**, as Instrument No. **239178**, Mortgage Records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

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

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Inpounds of \$612.12, due per month for the months of October through December, 2001 and January, February, 2002 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$40.00, uncollected late charges are due in the amount of \$273.47, with interest accruing at 10.9% per annum, and continuing to accrue from September 1, 2001.

The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$64,170.02, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interests, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Date: April 8, 2002
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC.
By Monine Coffer
Trust Officer

4/24, 5/1, 8, 15/02

NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 363 OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that the annual school election of Marsing Joint School District No. 363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho, will be held on **May 21, 2002**, and the polls at said election will be open between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. on said day. Only those qualified voters residing in Trustee Zone No. Three (3) may vote for a Zone No. Three (3) candidate. Only those qualified voters residing in Trustee Zone No. Five (5) may vote for a Zone No. Five (5) candidate. The purpose of said election shall be to elect one trustee to serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of election who resides within Trustee Zone No. Three (3) and Zone No. Five (5). As provided by Idaho Code, Section 33-502A no write-in vote shall be counted unless a declaration of intent has been filed with the District Clerk indicating that the person desires the office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of school trustee if elected. The declaration of intent shall be filed not later than 4:00 p.m. fourteen (14) days prior to the day of election **May 21, 2002**.

The Polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the following locations: The polling place for Trustee Zone No. Three (3) shall be held in the library at the Marsing High School. The polling place for Trustee Zone No. Five (5) shall be held in the travel trailer at the Sprint Boat Track located on Highway 55 in Canyon County. An elector must be a registered voter who has resided in this state and in this school district at least thirty (30) days preceding the election. That said election shall be by secret and separate ballot. Absentee voting shall be permitted as provided by Idaho Code Section 33-406, as amended. Any qualified trustee zone elector who expects to be absent from the District on the day of the election or who will be unable, because of physical disability or blindness, to go to the polling place may make written

application to the Clerk of the District for a ballot of the kind to be voted on at election, which application shall contain the name of the elector and the elector's present address. As provided by Idaho Code, Section 33-406, as amended, application for an absentee elector's H@H*ýDated this **First day of May, 2002**

DEBORAH HOLZHEY
CLERK, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 363

5/8, 15/02

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS:

That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 1999, in the records of the county treasurer as tax collector of OWYHEE County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:

Parcel No. RP B03000040030A
Stephanie Weaver
PO Box 144
Marsing, Id 83639
Lot 3 Block 4 Hidden Hollow
Sub Sec 34 T3N R4W, City of Marsing

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Tax | 291.04 |
| Late Charge | 5.82 |
| Interest | 109.99 |
| Cost | 80.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 486.85 |

Parcel No. RP A0010095005A
Apolonio Contreras
PO Box 124
Greenleaf, Id 83626
Lots 5 & 6 Block 95, City of Homedale

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Tax | 655.60 |
| Late Charge | 13.13 |
| Interest | 247.78 |
| Cost | 80.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 996.51 |

Parcel No. RP 03N05W143616
Gem Irrigation District (Elma Gloria Fernandez)
2545 Columbia Blvd
Apt #60
St Helens, Or 97051
PO Box 471
Homedale, Id 83628

Property known as Assessor Tax Number 1A3 Section 14 Township 3 North Range 5 West BM

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before June 3, 2002, by payment of said

unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office at Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the board of county commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on **June 3, 2002 10:00 AM**,

or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at **Courthouse Annex, Basey Street, Murphy, Idaho** for a tax deed conveying the above described property to said **OWYHEE COUNTY**, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinabove referred to.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that the record owner or owners or any party in interest as defined by Section 63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice or the information contained therein shall be directed to the

OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER at Highway 78, Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho 83650; or by calling 208 495-1158 no later than 5 working days before the hearing date.

Dated this 31st day of January 2002.

BARBARA WRIGHT
COUNTY TREASURER and
EX-OFFICIO TAX
COLLECTOR
FOR OWYHEE COUNTY,
IDAHO

4/24, 5/1, 8, 15

NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 364 OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Pleasant Valley School District No. 364, Owyhee County, Idaho, that the annual school trustee election will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2002.

Only those qualified voters residing in Trustee Zone No. 1 may vote for a Zone No. 1 candidate. The purpose of said election shall be to elect one trustee to serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of election who resides within Trustee Zone No. 1.

As provided by Idaho Code Section 33-502A, no write-in vote shall be counted unless a declaration of intent has been filed with the District Clerk indicating that the person desires the office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of school trustee if elected. The declaration of intent shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., fourteen (14) days prior to the day of election.

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. at the following location:

Pleasant Valley School Gymnasium.

Qualified electors who expect to be absent from the District on Tuesday, May 21, 2002 or who will be unable, because of physical disability or blindness, to go to a polling place, may vote by absentee ballot. Written application for an absentee ballot may be made to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees on a form made available at the Pleasant Valley School District Office, Pleasant Valley School, on Monday through Friday, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Such application must be made no later than 11:00 a.m. (one hour before polls open), Tuesday, May 21, 2002. Electors applying in person may obtain their ballot starting April 23, 2002 (not more than 28 days prior to the election). Electors applying by mail should submit their requests as soon as possible. The absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

By order of the Board of Trustees

Rosa Maria Lowry, Clerk
5/8, 15/02

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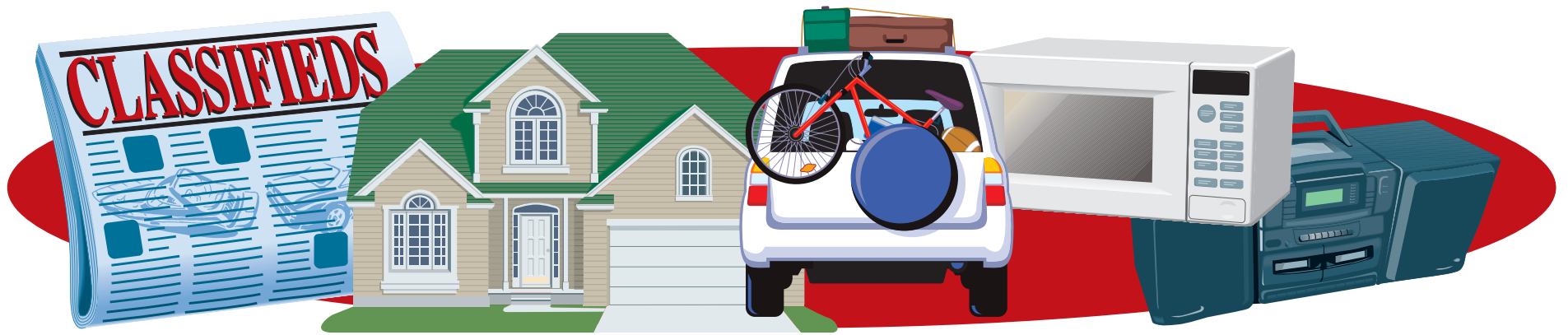
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Marsing Island Antique and flea market. May 31, June 1 and 2. Fri and Sat 10-7:00, Sun 10-5:00. 896-5355 for more info.

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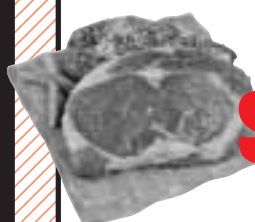
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\$2.79
12 Roll Package

Hunt's BBQ Sauce

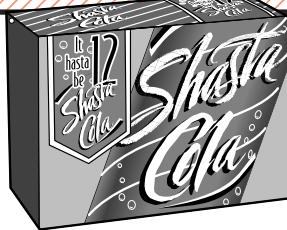


99¢
18 oz. Asst'd.



Coors Beer
\$6.99

12-12 oz. Cans



Shasta Pop
\$1.99

12-12 oz. Can All Varieties

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