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## Private property rights

*Connie Brandau, speaks in behalf of many other local ranchers to the Owyhee County Commissioners last Monday in front of a standing room only audience. Brandau and many other local ranchers questioned the validity of a planning and zoning amendment to the comprehensive plan submitted by the county's P and Z. Many ranchers stated that with the amendment private property rights would be in jeopardy.*

## Opposition voiced on county's comprehensive plan amendments

### Private property rights questioned in revision

Approximately 50 farmers, ranchers, business owners, recreationalists and residents attended last week's public hearing concerning the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning's proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The issue of concern Monday afternoon seemed to be the same in all groups; private property rights.

The agricultural section of the proposed amendments took the most hits for changes in wording and with the suggestion of deletion of entire sections. Owyhee County legal consultant Fred Kelly Grant presided over the nearly three hour-long hearing as hearing officer, which was conducted in front of the commissioners, Chairman Hal Tolmie, Chris Salove and Dick

Reynolds and included local attorney Lois Hart and Planning and Zoning Coordinator Kay Kelly.

People scheduled to submit comments were given five minutes to state their opinions. Groups of ranchers pulled together before the hearing and submitted a written document for consideration by the commissioners as did the Natural Resources Committee and John Romero in support of wildlife consideration.

Grant told those who attended that the board of commissioners would not make a decision concerning the amendments before Dec. 16 which was the deadline to submit written comments. Kelly said Monday morning that a great deal of written comments had been received by the

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## Impact-area residents ask council for city services

Residents in the impact area east of Homedale asked the Homedale City Council last week to consider bringing city services to the area due to water and sewer problems.

Snake River RV Resort owner Dean Benton and many other residents in the area approached the council last week seeking its help and approval in bringing city services into the area off Jump Creek Road. The council told Benton that they approved of the idea, but it would take extensive research before it could happen.

"We went door to door in the area to see if everyone in the area would be acceptable to the idea of having city services," Benton told the council. "We hope to sometime be annexed into the city and hope to be able to receive city services."

Mayor Harold Puri said he agreed with the idea since growth in the Homedale area seemed to be headed in that direction. Homedale City Engineer Bob Walker told the council that he had been working with Benton on his resort for over a year and he wanted the council

to know since he was the city engineer it could be considered a conflict of interest. He said as the city's engineer the city had the capacity to handle the extra homes and businesses, but he thought the people of the area would have to fund the project to the city's lines.

"We do have the capacity in the sewer system," Walker told the council. "We would have to tie in somewhere north of Idaho Street in order for it to function. We can't tie in on the south side because the mains are too small.

We do have the capacity. The people applying normally have to fund the project. This project could cost upwards of \$300,000 to fund."

Puri said the people in the area should consider checking into federal grants to help fund the project, but he said he liked the idea.

"I think it is something that we should consider," Puri said. "I think it would be an asset with the growth going on in the area."

The council tabled the subject until further information was available. -CP

## Owyhee County tops state director's priority list

New Bureau of Land Management State Director K Lynn Bennett said in an interview with *The Owyhee Avalanche* last week that he thinks one reason he was given the new position was because of Owyhee County. Bennett said in a phone interview that he realizes the people of Owyhee County have heard it before, but communication between the ranchers and BLM officials is going to change. He said this time he plans to make it happen.

"I kind of think that could be one reason why I am sitting here," Bennett said of his position and BLM's relationship with local ranchers. "I hear things. I hear

that there needs to be some improvement in the relationships between BLM and Owyhee County. I have been told that it is the job they want me to do."

Bennett officially took over the office as Idaho BLM director on Dec. 1 and he said he looks forward to the challenge. He said he comes to BLM to make a difference.

Bennett served 32 years with the BLM before retiring in 1993 to ranch. His BLM career has included management posts at the Burley and Shoshone districts in Idaho.



K Lynn Bennett

Most recently Bennett has been ranching near King Hill, Idaho, but was lured out of retirement to take the state director job, in part because cattle producers supported him.

"My plans first of all is to improve the working relationship between BLM and Owyhee County," Bennett stated. "That is one of my goals. That is what I want to do. The first thing I will do is sit back and listen. I want to find out what the problems are, where the issues are, and what needs to be

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# Local schools celebrate holidays

Local schools will be winding down this week in preparation for the holiday season and a long holiday vacation.

Homedale School District will release its students at regular times Friday afternoon and students will not return to school until Jan. 6. Officials from the district said Jan. 6 is an early release day for the district and the elementary school would be released at 1:40 p.m. The middle school will be released at 1:30 p.m.

The elementary school will celebrate Christmas on Friday with parties in individual classrooms. The middle school will hold an assembly on Dec.

18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. A sock hop is planned for Friday at 1:30 p.m. followed by a staff/student volleyball game.

Marsing Elementary School will send its third grade students to Capital High School and to the Discovery Center for a field trip today (Wednesday). Classroom parties will be held on Friday with Santa Claus visiting students Friday morning. Students will be released at regular times on Friday and will not be back to school until Jan. 6.

Marsing Middle School will also hold classroom Christmas parties on Friday followed by

an academic bowl with Christmas trivia questions.

In the Bruneau/Grand View School District, will let students out of classes at 1 p.m. Friday for Christmas vacation and students will return to classes on Jan. 2.

Grand View Elementary will perform a Christmas play on Thursday at 7 p.m. and will have parties in each classroom.

Homedale and Marsing City Halls will close at noon on Christmas Eve and remain closed until Dec. 26 when they will be reopen for regular business hours.



**Euzkaldunak food drive**

*Rick Uria and Steve Zatica deliver cases of meat donated to the Euzkaldunak Inc., Caldwell Basque Charities, during its annual food drive last week. The food drive was held earlier this month where they divided up over \$4,000 of ham, turkey and boxed beef that was purchased from local vendors. The meat will be distributed to churches in Caldwell, Nampa, Homedale and the Parma area.*

## Church collecting food and clothes for needy

The Friends Community Church in Homedale has a full slate of holiday activities lined up as Christmas draws near.

The church held its children’s program this past Sunday. It featured a youth orchestra and afterward, refreshments were provided and a silent auction conducted.

Proceeds from the auction, according to Pastor John Beck, will go toward a new building. Construction is scheduled to begin next year east of Homedale on U.S. Highway 95.

In addition to holiday programs, the church is also conducting a food and clothing drive. In collaboration with Homedale Elementary, food donations may be dropped off at the school and clothes may be dropped off at the church.

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worked on. I can come in and listen and I can learn and I can see where I can help the situation."

Bennett said that right now his priority for the county is getting people out of field offices and into the field to talk to the ranchers and the people who are primarily effected by BLM decisions. He said the two groups need to come to a consensus on how the lands should be managed.

"It seems to me that what I have heard so far is that hasn't occurred," Bennett continued. "We really haven't been talking as much as we should. I can influence that."

Bennett said he was aware of the hard feelings between some of the staff in the Lower Snake River District office and many of the ranchers in the county. He said that although he did not want to get into the issue right now, he would be looking at all the areas to find where the breakdown between BLM and the ranchers exists.

"We are going to see what we need to do to fix those breakdowns," Bennett said. "I am not ready to sit here and say so and so is at fault, but all options are open."

He said since he is a former rancher, he feels he has a great deal to bring the cattle industry. He said that since he has been on both sides of the desk, he feels he can understand where the ranchers are having their problems and will be able to assist them in closing the gap with BLM.

"Before I was a rancher I had a career with BLM and then chose to leave BLM and buy into a ranch near Glenns Ferry," Bennett explained. "I have had to live with some of these rules and regulations. I had BLM and forest service grazing permits. I have had to live with the stubble heights and I have had to live with endangered species and I have had to live with fire and drought and I can tell you that it looks a lot different when you are out there trying to make a living and you have to live with it every day and face it on how it effects your livelihood. It looks a lot different then it does when you are sitting at a desk. I think I have some empathy for the farmers and ranchers and I

understand their problems. Hopefully that will serve me to help me get through some of these things and get things on a better footing.”

Bennett said he already has plans to meet with some of the ranchers in the county and the commissioners as well as with the sheriff. He said some ranchers have already called to set up meetings with him and he is in the process of arranging those meetings.

Bennett attended the Idaho Cattle Association's annual meeting in Sun Valley last month and told members that he also agreed that law enforcement was not always needed when dealing with local people.

"I believe there are places at times when it is needed, but I hope we can conduct day to day business without law enforcement presence," Bennett explained. "I hope we have not deteriorated enough for that, but I do not look to have law enforcement present every time we sit down and meet with someone. I don't know if the rangers are still wearing guns. I plan to check into that further."

Bennett said he plans to meet with the sheriff and with the commissioners soon and listen to problems they may have.

Bennett said he feels ranching still has a future on public lands and he could not imagine a world without ranching, although the future of public lands ranching could be a battle, but is workable.

"I think it will continue," Bennett said of public lands ranching. "I think we need to work through some of these contingent issues and bring some good management practices onto the land. This is a tough job. When I came back to BLM I realized it was going to be a tough job. Somebody has got to see if they can work some of those issues out. I don't know if I am the right guy, but I am going to give it a try."

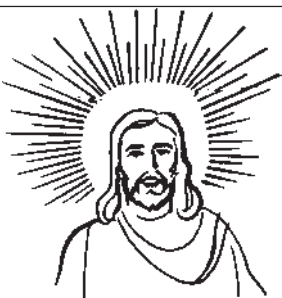
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## One-fourth of drug arrests prosecuted

Only approximately one fourth of the illegal drug related arrests made in Owyhee County in the last two months was ever prosecuted, a disposition report from the Third Judicial District of Owyhee County showed earlier this month.

The disposition shows that as of Nov. 15 and through Dec. 3, The Idaho State Police, Homedale Police Department and the Sheriff's Office arrested seven individuals with drug related crimes. Four cases were dismissed, two pled guilty and one case was amended from felony possession of a controlled substance to drug paraphernalia - use or possess with intent to use, a misdemeanor.

Three people were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, a misdemeanor, one person charged with minor possession marijuana/paraphernalia, use, influence, one with controlled substance-frequenting place used, and two people were charged with possession of a controlled substance, one charged as a felony and one charged as a misdemeanor.

In the amended case, Brenda Simono, 41 of Homedale pleaded guilty to misdemeanor use or possess drug

paraphernalia and received \$86.50 in fines, \$63.50 costs, \$1250 defender fees, 90 days jail and 87 days suspended. She was originally charged with felony possession.

Genaro Contreras, 34 of Homedale, was charged with controlled substance-frequenting place used. He pleaded guilty and received 175 days jail with 170 days suspended and six months probation. Contreras was also sentenced to a treatment program.

Aron Gonzalez, 19 of Homedale was charged with possession of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor. He pleaded guilty and received \$136.50 in fines, \$163.50 in costs, nine months probation, and 100 hours community service.

One person was charged with open container, a misdemeanor in which the report shows was dismissed.

Three people were charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. All three were misdemeanor charges and all three pleaded guilty.

Louie Cardena, 74 of Homedale, received a \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, 180 days jail, 173 suspended, six months probation, six months suspended driver's license and complete 32 hours of alcohol

counseling. He received credit for 37 days served.

In the other two cases, Eugene McFarland, 62 of Marsing, pleaded guilty and received \$921.50 in fines, \$600 suspended, \$78.50 in costs, 180 days jail, 175 days suspended, 12 months probation, six months suspended driver's licenses and enroll and complete alcohol counseling as recommended.

Timothy Deitrick, 46 of Marsing, pleaded guilty and received \$921.50 fine, \$600 suspended, \$90.50 costs and \$150 defender fees. He was sentenced to 180 days jail with 172 suspended, 12 months probation and six months suspended driver's license. He received credit for eight days served.

Four people received citations for minor in possession of alcohol. Two cases were dismissed and two cases pleaded guilty. Both minors received fines and one was sentenced to probation.

Three cases of minor in possession were brought before the courts in the two-month period. All three cases pleaded guilty and were sentenced to probation, community service and fines. Each person was sentenced to attend a Black Lung class. -CP



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commissioners, most addressing the same issue of private property rights.

Planning and Zoning Chairman Sid Erwin offered a statement first explaining what the zoning commission would hope the commissioners would do with the amendments.

“We (P&Z) may be a little concerned with some of the restrictions that have been placed upon additional residences in residential and agricultural areas,” Erwin told the board. “In our experience as a P and Z group we have had several of those to address in the last couple of years. We do take a pretty narrow-minded view of what happens in that. Part of that is brought on by experiences as to what can happen if you allow too many things to happen with residences in agricultural areas. Particularly where people want to allow kids to have residences. We are whole heartily in favor of that but we don’t know how to handle that in the next generation or if the kids and the parents become upset with each other and can no longer get along and therefore the residence gets sold to someone else. Then the initial ranching operation becomes in jeopardy because of someone else moving in.

“The other issue is subdivisions and those types of things out in the hinderland. We have concerns with that because we do not know how the county can withstand the expenses of infrastructure and those types of things that are associated with subdivisions.

We are concerned that the county can not afford the cost that is associated with highways, school buses, emergency care and those types of things. I hope as you plod through this that there are comments or questions on that area, I hope there are some positive ideas on how to cope with those things. With that I hope you find this document something you can work with and I appreciate the opportunity to present it to you.”

Murphy rancher Paul Nettleton told the board that he had problems with a number of items in the plan including private property rights.

“To start with I have a problem with the definition with agricultural land purpose,” Nettleton said. “I think it could be greatly simplified by using a simple statutory definition. I see no purpose in this long-winded percentages and acreages and dollar figure of gross annual sales. It is kind of ridiculous.”

Nettleton also suggested the board consider revising the definition and limitations for a conditional use permit on a kennel. The amendment states that a conditional use permit would be necessary for “any lot or premises on which four or more dogs at least four months of age are harbored for commercial purposes.” Nettleton said he could not think of any stock raiser who didn’t have at least four dogs.

“You have got to change that,” Nettleton continued. “I don’t think they need a conditional use permit to keep them.

“I see no reason at all for



Wildlife concerns

Sage grouse activist John Romero speaks to Owyhee County Commissioners last week in front of a standing room only crowd. Desmond joined nearly fifty concerned citizens who gave testimony to an amendment to the comprehensive plan during a public hearing held last week.

section C and D on page 18 under the agricultural zoning district. I think it should be policy, in fact it says it should be policy. Using the wording should and may in a law which this is going to be, those words should be shall and will. I think those two paragraphs should be eliminated.”

Nettleton also suggested the commissioners add residential to the allowed uses of the permit in zone A. He said under the amendment, a person could not even live on their land under the ordinance.

“Under the restrictions I think limiting housing to five acres is ridiculous,” Nettleton explained. “I think it is a ridiculous standard to hold on to. As for road standards and rights of way, I hope you people have some public hearings before you adopt any minimum standards on the roads. It is plain unnecessary. Here are 53 pages, gentlemen. It reminds me of a BLM EIS. I have been battling BLM for 30 years over my property rights, I just didn’t think I would have to battle Owyhee County, too.”

Ranchers from the “Citizens of the Wilson and Givens Communities” group submitted a lengthy comment and designated Connie Brandau as its representative. Brandau told the commissioners that the group was concerned that, “even the best of our intentions will bite us at a later time.”

“We offer these comments attempting to restrict our loss of property value and the rights to that property,” Brandau said Monday. “We appreciate the opportunity to provide the following comment and suggested changes.

“These comments of the proposed “Zoning Ordinance” are in light of what the citizens and the Owyhee County Commissioners have stood for

since the creation of this county in 1863: private property and the constitutional rights associated with property; less government, not more; and to protect the custom, the culture, and the economic stability of the County. The real business of government should be to simplify, and not to complicate.”

The Wilson group expressed some of the same concerns as Nettleton. They suggested striking percentages of allowed production, acreage of land allowed and production percentages.

In the definitions under agricultural building the amendment would limit allowing buildings to “fifty percent or more of such products are produced on the farm unit and derives fifty percent or more of their income from the farm unit.” Brandau told the board that on her ranch, she has 2,000 bushels of corn and barley stored in granaries. She said not one kernel was produced on any of her property, but it would all be fed to her calves.

“As agriculture becomes more and more depressed, there is less need for employee housing,” Brandau continued. “Renting out seasonal employee housing or storage buildings can offset the ag losses. If agriculture is not a feasible operation, an associated agricultural business must be allowed in

that building. The definition of “Agricultural Building” should conform to a legally defined definition that can allow an escape or modification and still conform to an allowed use.”

Commissioner Chris Salove said it would take some time for the commissioners to make a decision on the amendment. He said he was very pleased with the turnout and he was surprised that everyone who attended asked for fewer restrictions.

“Every single person there wanted less restrictions. They wanted people to have the fullest use we can allow for their property. I do agree with that,” Salove said to the lesser restrictions. “Anytime you have a turnout like we had Monday and it is unanimous to have less restrictions I think we would be fools not to listen. Most of the remarks made were not just off the cuff remarks. People had taken that ordinance, read it and had detailed in-depth remarks. That is exactly what you hope for in a hearing. There are people out there who think that ordinance is wonderful. That ordinance with the way that it is drafted very strongly protects agriculture to the point of where it excludes other uses in ag land. For the people who want to do something different with their agriculture land it definitely infringes on private property rights.” –CP

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## Avalanche changes deadlines for holidays

Due to the Christmas holiday being on Wednesday this year, The Owyhee Avalanche will need to make a few scheduling changes in its deadlines.

Classified ads will need to be placed in our office by 5 p.m. Dec. 20. Legal publications, advertisements and news copy will need to be submitted to our office by noon on Dec. 20.

The Owyhee Avalanche will be closed at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and all day Christmas day. The office will reopen for regular business hours beginning Thursday, Dec. 26.

## Final recovery plan published by FWS for Bruneau Hot Springsnail

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last week published a final recovery plan for the Bruneau hot springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis bruneauensis*). The snail was listed as endangered on June 17, 1998 under the Endangered Species Act.

In general, the recovery plan calls for maintaining specific flows in Hot Creek, implementing conservation measures that would increase water levels in the regional geothermal aquifer, monitoring, protecting and managing springsnail habitat and developing a habitat restoration plan. The principal threat to the springsnail is the reduction and/or elimination of their geothermal spring habitat as a result of agricultural groundwater withdrawals.

"This plan was developed to provide guidance to bagencies and other parties interested in the conservation of this species. We are hopeful that when the tasks identified in the recovery plan are accomplished, we can move toward delisting," said Anne Badgley, regional director of the Service's Pacific region.

Adult Bruneau hot springsnails have a small shell that is only .22 inches long. Fresh shells are thin and transparent. Because the shells are clear to white in color, the pigmentation underneath makes the snails appear black. The snail is native to geothermal springs and seeps with temperatures ranging from 15.7 to 36.9 degrees Celsius. It is found in these habitats on the exposed surfaces of various substrates including rocks, sand, gravel, mud, and algal films. The principal threat to the springsnail is the reduction and/or elimination of their geothermal spring habitat as a result of agricultural groundwater withdrawals.

The Endangered Species Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. The objective of the Bruneau hot springsnail recovery plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of the springsnail so that protection by the Act is no longer necessary.

Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, and estimate the time and costs associated with implementing the measures needed for recovery. Information presented during the public comment period was considered in the preparation of the final recovery plan, and is summarized in the plan's appendix.

## Cassidy sentencing postponed

A Fifth District judge postponed the sentencing of Maureen Cassidy Yarbrough last week after he requested more information into drug court from the Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, a clerk from the district court said last week.

Cassidy, the former wife of Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Ed Yarbrough, pleaded guilty to one felony and two misdemeanor charges in October and had been scheduled for sentencing on Dec. 10. She was arrested in April after Yarbrough reportedly found her attempting to commit suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning. He reportedly called local law enforcement after finding his wife in the couple's garage in her vehicle with the vehicle running and a suicide note.

A special prosecutor from the Attorney General's office was appointed to prosecute the case due to obvious conflict of interest of the county prosecuting attorney. Bob

Cooper, a spokesman from the Attorney General's Office said that Cassidy pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a felony and to the two misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and resisting an officer.

Owyhee County and Canyon County Sheriff's Deputies pursued Cassidy through portions of Melba, Canyon County and Owyhee County. The chase ended 35 minutes after it began when Sheriff Gary Aman ordered a road spike strip near the Walter's Ferry Bridge.

She was arrested and charged with one felony count of eluding a police officer and possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine. She was also later arraigned on one count of misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance, marijuana and a misdemeanor charge of resisting an officer. Several officers received minor injuries in the incident including Sheriff

Gary Aman.

Cooper said Wednesday that the Attorney General's office requested that Cassidy receive 18 months fixed, 42 months indeterminate and 30 days in the county jail. He said his office requested Cassidy be placed on probation as well.

Cassidy, an attorney, applied to drug court during her sentencing hearing, which will continue in January after she is assessed for acceptance. Program officials said they would evaluate her motivation and need for substance-abuse treatment.

State law says candidates are ineligible if they have any history of sex crimes or violence. Since Cassidy also pleaded guilty to resisting an officer, it is possible that she may not qualify for the program.

Fifth District Judge J. William Hart postponed the sentencing until Jan. 27 at 4:30 p.m. in Mountain Home where he will be presiding over another case. -CP

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# Obituary

## Clifford C. Dickson

Clifford C. Dickson, 94, of Homedale passed away Monday, December 9, 2002 at a Homedale care center. At his request there will be no service and cremation was under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Cliff was born September 12, 1908 at Sargent, Nebraska to Burt and Lucy Dickson. He moved from Sargent to Casper, Wyoming with his parents. Burt and Lucy moved to Homedale in 1930, he joined his parents in 1931. Cliff soon took a job as a buckaroo for Andrew Greeley on his ranch at Rockville, Oregon.

Cliff joined the US Army in 1942 and was in the European Theater in France and Germany as a rifleman in the 819 Engineer Battalion. He was honorably discharged in 1945. He returned to ranching at Rockville after the war, where he worked for several ranchers, including the MacKenzies. When Cliff semi-retired he worked for Owyhee County Weed Control and later for the Owyhee County Fair Board and Ted Smith of Homedale.

In 1999 Cliff was named Grand Marshall of the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade and took great pleasure in his participation. He loved to fish and hunt and in his later years could be found picking up aluminum cans around town in Homedale. Cliff donated all of his can treasures to the V.F. W. to support and feed the vets less fortunate than him.

Cliff is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

He always had a smile for everyone he knew and will be deeply missed by his family and friends he visited around town.

Rest well Clifford. We love you so much.



## Eastern Owyhee Library staff gives thanks

The Eastern Owyhee County Library staff and trustees would like to wish every one a safe and happy Holiday Season. We invite you to come to the library for a nice visit, to get warmed up, and to check out some winter reading materials. Janet Evanovich has been a real hit in the community. Her books One through Eight are at the library and number Nine is on the way. We have many Christmas novel that help get us into he season’s mood. Richard Paul Evans’ books for young and old reside here. They are a great read. Jan Karon has some small booklets that are fun and enjoyable. The Christmas Quilt, Skipping Christmas, He Sees You When You’re Sleeping are a few other titles that are fun to read this time of year.

We have many children’s Christmas and winter titles. The twenty minutes per day that a parent takes to sit and read with their child is the most important time of their day. Let’s all make our time important. Find a child to read to. On November 19 the library recognized Idaho Family Reading Week with an activity for families. The theme, “Wild About Reading”, was carried out with wild stories where children could participate in the reading. We had a wild animal parade through the library with our (stuffed) wild animals. Wild animal bookmarks were made and an animal game was played that brought many laughs. Door prizes were awarded. Katelyn Keenan won the Root Beer Float party for her family. Ann Rotz was the recipient of Jim Trelease’s Read Aloud Handbook.

We thank Little Caesar’s, D and B Supplies, McDonald’s (Air Base Road), Paul’s Market, and Great American Video, all in Mountain Home, and Hometown Market in Grand View for their donations to the Family Reading event. In January we plan to begin an adult book talk series. Check us out for more details as the month goes on. The library is asking any and all readers who can do “adopt a book”! We would like to upgrade our children’s non-fiction areas and have some titles picked out for them.

To “adopt” a book come to the library and chose the book you would like to “adopt”, pay for the book, and we will put your name as the “adoptive parent” in the book for readers to appreciate. Please help us out with this project.

We thank all those community members who have donated books tot he library over the year. We really appreciate you. We thank all who have used our library this year. We love having you visit us.

## 4-H Outreach launched in Grand View

Children between the ages of 6 and 12 have been able to enjoy the fun of 4-H Outreach programs in Grand View. These activities have given them the opportunity to explore areas of the 4-H program that are not heard that much about. The programs are held at the public library in Grand View after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The coordinator for the programs in the Grand View area is Kathy Chick. If you have any questions about 4-H programs, please contact her at 834-2785 (library) or 832-1949 (home). The 4-H Outreach program is a great way to learn about life skills such as teamwork, sharing, thought processing, motor skills development, and individual worth (self-esteem).

In September we began with four weeks of Beginning Cake Decorating. It was a great activity. Each participant began by decorating cupcakes. Then they worked up to small cakes of different sizes and flavors. The final week they frosted a layer cake and decorated it. We had frogs, Jack-O-lanterns and flower gardens! They were

all beautiful to look at and, according to many family members, delicious to eat! It was great to see the artwork these young decorators did. We also had an Entomology activity begin. Entomology is the study of insects.

The activity lasted several weeks. Our young entomologists learned more about insects than just the body parts and what the insects ate or what ate them! They had a “cricket jump”, a Buggie Olympics, created new and unusual insects, created an insect collection, and ate “insect” snacks! YUM! All this time of learning about insects and some interesting insect facts the participants were also learning new vocabulary words and their meanings. They had the opportunity to look at each other and understand the differences that make up this great work around us.

In November we began an arts and crafts activity called A Palette of Fun. The first projects were working with paper and scissors. The children made a puzzle of themselves as a group. Each

person received a puzzle piece. They glued pictures that they found in magazines that told something about themselves, making a collage, on their puzzle piece. Then all the pieces were attached to the big puzzle. What a great collage of our group. We, also, have learned about positives and negatives in art, making pop-up greeting cards and optical illusions. We are learning about the color wheel, mixing colors, and different techniques with painting. This activity will continue on Tuesday s after the Christmas and New Years holidays and we will be working with fabrics in art and with sculpting. After the youth basketball season we will begin some more science activities at the library.

Most activities in 4-H are for children ages 8-18. If you have any questions about whether or not you or your child can participate, please contact Kathy Chick. She would love to answer your questions and help you to get involved. Volunteers re wonderful people and we appreciate their help.

## ICA announces new local leaders

The Idaho Cattle Association recently concluded its 89<sup>th</sup> annual convention and trade in Sun Valley with nearly 400 people attending. During the convention, the general membership elected new board members and since then, the ICA President has appointed committee leaders for the following year.

“These leaders are movers and shakers in our

community,” ICA President Ted Hoffman of Mountain Home said. “People of vision who will focus on our future. I believe our committee leaders have an excellent mix of technical information and practical experience. The board and committee leaders are all dedicated to our industry and will actively address the problems that confront us.”

The local officers and board members elected include Scott McNeley of Grand View and Russ Turner of Bruneau on the board of directors, Gene Davis of Bruneau and Ramona Ridley of Grand View as committee leaders on the Cattle Political Action committee (CPA), Chair Brenda Richards from Reynolds Creek as committee leader for Federal and State Lands, Charlie Gibson of Marsing as vice chair for Marketing, and John Romero of Murphy for wildlife.

Richards remained as a district director for cattlemen leaders.

Hoffman said ICA leaders are willing to visit with individual beef producers and speak at local or county meetings.

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## Homedale library offers story time

“Twas the night before Christmas and all through the church-house, not a creature was stirring but Christopher Church mouse.” Barbara Davoll has written a holiday book titled “A Church mouse Christmas.”

The Homedale Public Library will offer a story time with the new book on Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. Those attending will make decorations for the tree in the library after the story. Preschool and elementary aged children are invited to attend.

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# Coaches may have to undergo background checks

## Homedale School Board asks for notification of volunteers

The Homedale School Board has asked to be notified by district administrators when a non-paid volunteer is considered for a full- or part-time coaching position.

In addition, district officials are considering background checks that include fingerprinting for those volunteers that would be considered full time.

Homedale principal Mike Williams, along with athletic director Randy Potter, were charged with the duty of writing a new district policy regarding volunteer coaches in November. The first draft was presented to the board at its Dec. 9 meeting, but a consensus was not reached with regard to the proposed background checks.

The issue has been a topic of discussion for several months at the regular board meetings. It stems from a volunteer that was asked to join the football program prior to the start of the school year.

The school board, however, was not notified of the addition to the coaching staff.

"It started last summer," Williams said in a Dec. 10 interview. "We didn't think we would have a coach for (junior varsity football). What happened (was) we had a parent asked if he would help during the summer program, which isn't that unusual. That parent assisted throughout the summer."

Williams said that subsequent to the volunteer joining the summer program, two newly hired teachers were added to the coaching staff, but the volunteer asked to remain on the staff.

"(The volunteer), from what I understand, had more knowledge of the offense and what was going on than the paid persons, in some aspects."

"I think that's where it all started," Williams said. "The non-paid walk-on coach was doing all the coaching. What the board was saying was, if we're going to put a person in that position, we want it approved through us, which I can understand."

"That's how it all evolved," Williams said. "If we're going to put those people in charge of a program, it needs to be approved by the board."

At the center of the issue is whether or not a part-time volunteer's application process be the same as someone in a full-time role. Board members and administrators alike seem to agree that a distinction should be made between the

coach who actively supervises athletes, as opposed to the volunteer that occasionally lends a helping hand.

During the recent board meeting Williams expressed concern that a lengthy approval process may deter qualified individuals from volunteering their time.

"I have a lot of people that are willing (to volunteer)," he said. "You might have a baseball coach—he's sitting infield—you might have a parent who'll say, 'I'll hit balls to the outfielders and help them.' Well, you're (the coach) one person; you say, 'Great.'"

"I don't want to scare that person off and say, 'Well, I've got to do this, you've got to fill out an application, I've got to do a background check and fingerprinting.'"

"He's going to (say), 'I just want to hit balls to the outfielders,'" Williams said.

"I don't want it to be so cumbersome that I'll scare those people out of helping," he said. "I've been in that position when I was coaching. I'd see a parent and say, 'hey can you help me? Hold this dummy.' And they'd say, 'Yeah, sure.' Well, I would like to be able to do this and I think that parents would like that."

Williams is restructuring the policy addition to reflect the most recent comments from the board. He will present a new draft in January. In its current form, the policy outlines a six-point approval process, but that could change between now and the next board meeting Jan. 13.

"I have two steps," Williams said. "First, the head coach has to determine there's a need. (After what need is determined), the head coach and assistant coach—if that's applicable—will meet with the A.D. (athletic director) and the building principal, prior to contacting a volunteer coach."

"So, if you want someone to come in an help, let us know that this person is there," Williams said.

"If this person is just going to be there on a part time basis, hitting fly balls, helping whatever, great. End of process. We'll report to the school board at the next meeting," he said.

"But, as in the case with what happened with the football program, where that volunteer is there every night at practice—all practice—and is coaching on the sidelines

during the game, then it's going to be steps three, four, five and six," Williams said.

The new policy also addresses the board's request for notification of new volunteers

"I think one and two is still a nice process," Williams said. "It informs the school board of who is volunteering in those capacities for all the programs and it doesn't tie our hands. It still lets us have those temporary part-time people walk in and out and help when needed."

"Yet, that person (who will) be there every day, all day, all practice and go to the games and assist on the sidelines is a different step," he said.

At the last meeting, board members asked Williams to define full and part time. He admitted he wasn't sure how to word the definition, but added there is a line of involvement that can distinguish between the two.

"Where you cross the line in coaching is when you're



Homedale High School Principal, Mike Williams is currently in the process of creating a policy regarding the approval of volunteer coaches.

standing on the sidelines making decisions," Williams said.

"Some sports are different than others. In an outdoor sports activity where I'm out on the field—if there is a parent who's willing to help and they're there with me—it's one thing," he said. It's another thing when that parent or volunteer is maybe supervising the locker room. Then you want to know who's in there and doing what. You want make sure who's in those more sensitive areas; and that they are someone who has been in that role before and we're familiar with."

"At least that gives us the right to do a background (check) and fingerprint if you're going to be in this position," Williams said.

"I'm not sure how to do that full-time, part-time thing,"

Williams said. "And really, I was sort of thinking even beyond coaching."

The policy could also be a model for approving volunteers in the classroom, Williams said.

"It's one thing to come in and volunteer every now and then, but if you were there every day in the same classroom, I think that should be approved through the school board," he said.

Williams said he would include language that will provide a grandfather clause for existing volunteers, but hasn't yet determined a cutoff for years of service.

"We're basically saying, if you've have volunteer coaching experience in the last three years within our school district, we'll probably grandfather you in," he said. — CM

## Senior news

### Homedale senior citizens center

Thursday Dec. 19, Dinner will be served at 12:00 which includes, Turkey and noodles, veggies, coleslaw, roll and pudding  
Friday Dec. 20 breakfast will be served from 7-10 a.m., Bacon, eggs, hashbrowns pancakes, toast and juice  
Saturday Dec. 21 Christmas dance 7 – 10 PM Music by "Yesterdays Country". Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday Dec. 24, Christmas Dinner will be served at 12:00 which includes, Ham w/ pineapple, scallop potatoes, veggies, salad, roll, pumpkin dessert. Followed by Bingo at 1:30. the shopping bus to Homedale.

The Center will be closed from Dec. 25 to Dec. 30.

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# Cold and wind dampens Homedale parade

## Coordinators' spirits stay high

The annual Homedale for the Holidays parade was dampened this year by high winds and cold temperature, which brought attendance down, but coordinators of the parade said despite the weather set back, the parade went well.

The parade, sponsored by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, was held Saturday morning in downtown Homedale. Float and other entries seen a drop from last year due in part to cold, windy weather.

The City of Homedale won best overall float with an eight-foot snowman and a gingerbread house complete with gingerbread babies. The Homedale High School choir and band won first in the church and club entry and in the community entry. Both groups, sitting in the back of pickups, played and sang holiday music.

Pruett Tire won first in the commercial entry with a huge all terrain vehicle on a flatbed trailer. Dennis and Michelle Pruett's daughters, Sumr and Wintr, rode on the float and threw out candy to parade goers.

A 1931 Ford model A won first in the car category and the Aberasturi children won first in the children's entry with a Christmas decorated go-cart.

Kendra Giedd won first in the equestrian category wrapped in bright Christmas paper as a present. Tolmies Appliance and Hardware was chosen as the Mayor's Choice float and given a trophy that will be on display in the store until next Christmas.

Judges included Pruett Tire Co., Ace Hardware-Tolmies, Paul's Market, Emerald Insurance Co., Jump Creek Lumber and US Bank.

After the parade, children enjoyed a visit with Santa Claus and a bag of candy donated by the chamber. Twenty-five turkeys were given to lucky winners in a drawing held after the parade as well as gift baskets.



### Owyhee County Christmas

Wintr and Sumr Pruett are ready for Christmas in their huge four wheel all terrain vehicle. The entry won first place in the commercial category during last weekend's Homedale for the Holidays Parade.



### Sweet babies

Gingerbread babies rode aboard an entry by the City of Homedale and threw goodies to onlookers during last weekend's Homedale for the Holidays parade.



### Santa paws

Even local dogs got into the holiday spirit and participated in the Homedale for the Holidays parade held last Saturday.



### In honor

VFW members lead the procession Saturday morning during last weekend's Homedale for the Holidays parade. Cold temperatures and high winds kept attendance down this year, but spokesman for the parade said the event went well.



### 1st place commercial entry

Homedale High School band won first place in the community entry during last weekend's Homedale for the Holidays parade. The choir from the school won first place in the church and club entries.



### 1st place car entry

A 1931 Ford model A won first place in the vehicle entry section of the parade Saturday. The theme for this year's parade was "Dream Big, Its Christmas."

### 1st place equestrian

Kendra Giedd dressed up as a Christmas present won first place in the equestrian entry. Cold temperatures and high winds dropped parade entries this year, but coordinators said Saturday that they were pleased with the turnout.



### 1st place children's entry

The "Aberasturi" children won first place with their festive go-cart in the children's entry of last weekend's Homedale for the Holidays parade.



# Cooper, Batt lead Homedale over Payette

*Trojans begin league play Thursday at Parma*

Homedale picked up another non-conference victory last Friday against Payette, 60-57 at Homedale High School. Seniors Cole Cooper and Spencer Batt led the Trojan offensive attack. Cooper poured in a game-high 24 points, Batt added 19. Both players were equally impressive on the boards. Batt nabbed 15 rebounds, Cooper 13. Homedale improved to 2-1 overall. All three of its non-league games this season have come against supposedly tougher Class 3A opponents. Homedale is Class 2A. The Trojans begin Western Idaho Conference play Thursday at Parma. Freshman tipoff is 4:45 p.m. at Parma High School. Homedale will host New Plymouth Saturday. Game time is also 4:45 p.m. – CM



**Drive to victory**  
*Homedale's Matt Landa drives the baseline and scores two for the Trojans. Homedale defeated Payette 60-57 last Saturday at home. Photo by Gregg Garrett.*

# Lady Huskies pick up four straight wins

*Marsing improves to 5-4, hosts Rimrock Friday*

The Marsing girls' basketball team moved above the .500 mark for the season last week with four consecutive victories. "It was a very good week," coach Don Heller said. "We're starting to play with confidence. (Amie) Vanek had a good week overall. Her shooting is down, but hopefully she'll pick up on that and when she does, we should be pretty good." Marsing defeated Melba 53-48 on the Mustang's home court Dec. 10, then picked up a 51-34 win over McCall last Thursday. Over the weekend, the Huskies traveled to Halfway, Ore. for a tournament at Pine Eagle High School. There, Marsing (5-4 overall, 2-2 Western Idaho Conference) defeated Joseph, Ore. 59-48 and host team Pine Eagle 45-42 in the championship game. Vanek and junior center Amanda Stewart were solid in all four contests, but improved steadily as the week progressed. Stewart had 11 points and 7 rebounds against Melba, 25 points, 14 rebounds and 4 blocked shots against McCall and 51 points and 22 rebounds in the two tournament games in Oregon. Vanek averaged 10 points, 5 assists and 5 steals for the week. She also had a big game rebounding against Joseph with 12, in addition to 9 steals.

Against Pine Eagle, Vanek grabbed 6 rebounds and 10 steals. Marsing resumes WIC play Thursday against Melba. Freshman game time is 4:45 p.m. The Huskies then host Class 1A power Rimrock Friday at 4 p.m. The Raiders only loss of the season came to Marsing earlier this year. – CM



Senior Amie Vanek



Junior Amanda Stewart

## Boys' basketball

**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
Melba 52, Middleton 47  
Council 57, Greenleaf 47  
Rimrock 51, Gem State 47  
**Friday, Dec. 13**  
Homedale 60, Payette 57

**Upcoming games**  
**Thursday, Dec. 19**  
(All game times are 4:45 p.m. for freshman tipoff, unless otherwise noted. Junior varsity games begin at approx. 6 p.m., followed by varsity at 7:30 p.m.)  
Adrian, Ore. at Wilder (JV tipoff 6 p.m.)  
Melba at Marsing  
Homedale at Parma  
**Friday, Dec. 20**  
Wilder at Greenleaf  
Rimrock at Glenns Ferry (JV tipoff 6 p.m.)  
**Saturday, Dec. 21**  
New Plymouth at Homedale  
Marsing at Parma

**Girls' basketball results**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
Cole Valley 46, Notus 34  
Idaho City, Wilder 19  
Middleton 52, New Plymouth 42  
Rimrock 75, Gem State Academy 31  
Homedale 50, Payette 20  
Marsing 53, Melba 48  
**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
Homedale 51, Parma 34  
Marsing 51, McCall 34  
**Saturday, Dec. 14**  
New Plymouth 48, Homedale 39

**Upcoming games**  
**Thursday, Dec. 19**  
(All game times are 4:45 p.m. for freshman tipoff, unless otherwise noted. Junior varsity games begin at approx. 6 p.m., followed by varsity at 7:30 p.m.)  
Wilder at Jordan Valley (JV tipoff 5 p.m.)  
**Friday, Dec. 20**  
Homedale at Melba  
Rimrock at Marsing (JV tipoff 4 p.m.)  
**Saturday, Dec. 21**  
Cole Valley at Wilder (JV tipoff 6 p.m.)  
Homedale at Vale  
Notus at Rimrock (JV tipoff 6 p.m.)

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# School menu

## December 19-31

**Marsing**  
Thursday Dec. 19: Idaho Hay Stacks, fruited jello, fresh vegetable sticks, variety milk, filet O fish sandwich, fresh salad bar (4-12), fresh baked roll, to go box.  
Friday Dec. 20: Sliced ham, mashed potatoes, dessert, garden vegetables, variety milk, fresh salad bar (4-12), fresh baked roll, to go box.  
Monday Dec. 23-31: Holiday Break.

**Homedale Elementary**  
Thursday Dec. 19: Pizza or pop corn chicken, tossed salad, pineapple, cookie, choice of milk.  
Friday Dec. 20: Christmas dinner turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, hot roll, fruit salad, gingerbread cake, choice of milk.  
Monday Dec. 23-31: Holiday Break.

**Homedale Middle**  
Thursday Dec. 19: Hamburger or hotdog, fries, fruit, or salad bar, choice of milk.  
Friday Dec. 20: Christmas dinner turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, fruit, choice of milk.  
Monday Dec. 23-31: Holiday Break.

**Homedale High**  
Thursday Dec. 19: Christmas dinner, choice of milk.  
Friday Dec. 20: Crispito/taco salad or rib-b-que/bun, corn, fruit, choice of milk.  
Monday Dec. 23-31: Holiday Break.

**Bruneau Elementary**  
Thursday Dec. 19: Turkey, cranberries, potatoes/gravy, peas, roll/butter, blueberry crisp, milk.  
Friday Dec. 13: Nachos/Salsa, tossed salad, corn, fruit, bread sticks, milk.  
Monday Dec. 23-31: Holiday Break.

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# Trojan girls notch two victories, fall to Pilgrims

## Homedale girls improve to 5-2 overall

The Homedale girls' basketball team won two of three last week and improved their record to 5-2 overall, 2-1 in Western Idaho Conference



Senior Kelsi Haylett



Senior Jennifer Anzuldua



### Gibbens with the block

Senior Michelle Gibbens blocks a shot during Homedale's 51-34 win over Parma last Thursday. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

play. The Lady Trojans trounced Payette 50-20 on the Pirates home floor Dec. 10, then added a WIC victory, 51-34 over Parma last Thursday. Homedale fell to New Plymouth 48-39 Saturday at Homedale High School. Against the Pirates, Jill

Cooper scored a team-high 13 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Senior Kelsi Haylett added 12 points. Senior Jennifer Anzuldua's 20 points paced the Trojan's victory over Parma. She added 5 steals. "That was a perfect all around game," Homedale coach Mark Weekes said of Anzuldua's performance.

Against New Plymouth, the Trojans fell into early foul trouble and squandered an 11-2 first-quarter lead. "We did really well," Weekes said. "They never got a field goal in the first quarter. They got two free throws. "But by the end of the first quarter, we already had 10 fouls," he said. Homedale led by six at the half, but could maintain the offensive momentum. "By halftime, they had shot 15 free throws," Weekes said. "That's what kept them in the game. Anzuldua led the Trojans in scoring with 14 points. She added 5 assists and 2 steals. Senior Michell Gibbens picked up a team-high 7 rebounds. "In the third quarter, we came out flat," Weekes said. "We didn't shoot much and they played hard defensively and outscored us after that." Homedale travels to Melba Friday, then Vale, Ore. Saturday. Freshman tipoff for both games is 4:45 p.m. – CM



**Score two**  
Tana Krall picks up two points for Homedale against Parma. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

## Gann takes on the boys for senior project

While strolling through the Homedale High School gym last week at the preseason wrestling jamboree, one could see competitors from around the Treasure Valley in one last tune-up before the regular season commences. An unexpected sight, however, was one of those competitors had a pony tail. "Hey, wait a minute. Is that a girl?" It was indeed. Fruitland's Megan Gann was mixing it up with an opponent from Melba in the 135-pound division. What possessed an attractive young lady – who seemingly would be a better fit in cheerleading uniform, rather than wrestling tights – to take up this brutal sport? "I guess it would be to prove that I could do something that most people don't think I can do," Gann says. "And just to build up muscle and make me stronger."

This was Gann's first competition against boys, but it wasn't her first time out on the

mat. "I wrestled at a tournament in Portland," Gann says. "There were five of us that went. It was a girls' tournament." Gann picked up second place. Against the boys, though, she says winning isn't the focus. "I just expect to gain something from it," she says. "I'm not really expecting to win every time. Guys are a lot quicker with movements. As long as I come out with something – better thinking, because it takes a lot of thinking out there." Gann is also on the dance team at Fruitland, but doesn't consider herself athletic. She played soccer for the first time this year and has competed in track and field. "But other than that, I really don't play sports," she says. At Fruitland, all seniors are required to do a special project in order to graduate. Gann picked wrestling. She'll submit a written analysis of the sport and give a 10-minute presentation of her experience in April. – CM



Fruitland senior Megan Gann is a member of the Grizzlies' wrestling team this year. She joined the program as part of a required senior project and competes in the 135-pound weight class.



# Area wrestling teams begin season

*Marsing looks to build program, Homedale picks up win*

Local wrestling teams began their season last weekend they convened at Homedale High School Dec. 10 for a preseason jamboree.

One of those teams looking to make a splash with the competition this year is Marsing.

Numbers are always a problem for the Huskies, but coach Rick Folwell hopes that the quality of athletes that turned out this year offset the low count.

The Huskies took part in the Middleton tournament last weekend and will travel to Garden Valley Thursday before taking time off for Christmas.

Numbers aren't a problem

for Homedale and coach Toby Johnson.

The Trojans picked up their first dual-meet victory of the season at Fruitland last Friday. Homedale (1-0 overall) defeated the Grizzlies 41-33.

Fruitland forfeited four matches during the meet in the 160-, 171-, 189-, and 215-pound classes, which didn't

help its cause against the Trojans.

The match of the night, according to Johnson was in the 135-pound match between Trojan Senior Mark George and Fruitland senior Cody Vaughn, a state competitor last year.

George defeated Vaughn 3-2.

Jeremy Ensley (103), Mark Mashburn (130), and Tomas Obregon (152) also picked up victories for Homedale.

Homedale will travel to the Declo Duals tournament Friday and Saturday at Declo High School. – CM



Marsing wrestling coach Rick Folwell



## Headlock

Homedale senior Juan Garcia positions his opponent for a pin during the Trojans' preseason jamboree at Homedale High School Dec. 10.



## Preparing the take down

Trojan senior Fidel Cardenas prepares to take down his opponent during the Homedale wrestling jamboree.

## Homedale grad deployed

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Steve D. Simmons, Jr, son of Lisa M. Walker of Homedale and Steve Simmons of Fort Lewis, Washington, recently made a port visit in East Timor while on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 11<sup>th</sup> MEU, based in Camp Pendleton, California.

Simmons is one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group and USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group.

Simmons is a 2001 graduate of Homedale High School and joined the Marine Corps in July 2001.

Join the Avalanche

Gift Drive

for Owyhee Health and Rehab residents

The annual *Owyhee Avalanche* Christmas gift project for the residents of Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center in Homedale continues this week.

Residents have included several gifts on their wish lists, but local "Santas" need only to select one item. Gifts should be gift wrapped and tagged with a 3x5 index card, and dropped off to the Avalanche office before Dec. 20. Gifts will be delivered to Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center on Dec. 21. "Santas" should select a number from the following list.

Seasons greetings to you and yours in this wonderful season of giving.

Thank you.

*The Avalanche Staff*

LADIES

1 Female, Cardigan (med)  
2 Female, bird house/seed, chocolates  
4 Female, cardigan (lg)  
5 Female, Long mou-mou (4x), pepsi, cigarettes  
6 Female, Shoes (9)  
7 Female, Camisoles (lg), throw  
8 Female, Subscription to Avalanche, stretchy pants (3x)  
9 Female, Cigarettes, duster (med)  
10 Female, Cigarettes, sweatsuit (xlg), CD-country  
11 Female, Sweatsuit (lg), camisoles (lg)  
12 Female, Lined wind breaker (lg), camisoles (med)  
13 Female, House dress (14-16)  
14 Female, Throw  
15 Female, Bra (38C), printed sweat shirt  
16 Female, Throw  
17 Female, Candy  
18 Female, Christian album, snack food  
19 Female, Bra (42D), sweatsuit (1x)  
20 Female, camisoles (lg), make-up  
21 Female, Knee length underwear (med)  
22 Female, Camisoles (xlg)  
23 Female, Music box  
24 Female, Sweatsuit (sm), camisole (sm), underwear (5)  
25 Female, Throw, make-up (pinks)  
26 Female, Underwear (10), throw, lotion  
27 Female, Throw, cigarettes, lotion

MEN

1 Male, Western shirt 16 1/2-35, snack food  
2 Male, Sweatsuit (lg)  
3 Male, under shirts (med), old western cassettes  
4 Male, Phin white knee hi socks, cigarettes, diet pepsi  
5 Male, Sweat pants (lg), polo shirt (xlg),  
6 Male, cigarettes  
7 Male, sweatsuit (lg)  
8 Male, Western shirt (15 1/2-34)  
9 Male, CD player, CD's (big band)



# Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

## 25 years ago

December 15, 1977

### ‘round Homedale...

Patty McAteer and daughter Jenny, formerly from Homedale but now a resident of Caldwell, after having moved from Spokane, was in the Homedale area last Friday. McAteers had dinner with Nellie Hammer and visited other friends.

Last weekend Mildred Dickson was with her daughter, Darlene Smith and family in Caldwell. They went Christmas shopping and planned for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beavers, LeAnn and Roger with Eva Budd all from Caldwell, called on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goodloe last Sunday.

A Christmas party for all C.C.D. children will be held December 18 at 10:15 a.m. at St. Hubert’s Rectory.

A bus load of Senior Citizens attended the performance of “Rip Van Winkle” at the Boise Little Theatre last Sunday.

The kindergarten school is giving a Christmas play December 15, at 2 p.m. at the Washington School in the kindergarten room. They will perform “The Night Before Christmas” as well as other short plays.

On December 21, a first grade play will be performed at the 1C building at the Washington School. There will be “Twelve Days of Christmas” and a variety of songs.

One hundred thirty-four people attended the Senior Citizen Nutrition Dinner last week and 23 “Meals on Wheels” were sent out. Out of town visitors were Sarah Thomas from Rupert, Glenn and Ina Marshall from Marsing, Frank and Edith Warren from Parma. On December 7, 103 people had their blood pressure taken at the center.

Students of Nina Hyde participating at a Christmas piano recital Thursday at the home of Wanda Ferguson are: Suzette and Rhonda Seibold, Trina Frank, Janice Echevarria, Josie Isaguirre, Brenda Pennington, David and Meri Hyde, Kay Ferguson and Michelle Freund.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tucker of Butte, Mont., and their two daughters, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Uranga, Homedale.

### Elementary concert

The Sixth Grade Band and the Fifth Grade Flutophone Ensemble, directed by Barbara Howard will present a Christmas concert Tuesday morning, December 20, at 9 a.m. Included in the program will be “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” “Away in a Manger,” “I’ll be Home For Christmas,” and “Holly Jolly Christmas,” by the Sixth Grade Band; “Christmas is Coming” and “Jingle Bells” by the Flutophone Ensemble; and various solos and duets by individual instrumentals students.

The public is invited to the program which will be held in the multi-purpose room of the Washington Building. There will be no admission charged.

### New baby

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bauer are parents of a baby girl born December 12 at Caldwell Memorial Hospital. She was 7 lbs. 3 ozs. and was named April Dawn. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bauer of Homedale and Maternal grandparents are Gladys Cox of Homedale and Darrell Cox.

### Christmas meeting

MURPHY-The Owyhee County Historical Society will hold its December meeting Friday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy. Program will consist of old-time favorite family recipes or traditional family Christmas stories. Refreshments will be served in the County Historical museum following the program. Samples of program recipes will be acceptable for refreshments if anyone wishes to bring them.

## 50 years ago

December 18, 1952

### Homedale grade school to have Christmas prog. Mon.

On Monday night, December 22, starting at 8:00 p.m. the Homedale grade school will present a Christmas program. Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker Suite”.

It is the story of a little girl named Marie who was given a Christmas gift of a magic nutcracker and who dreamed that it came to life as a charming prince. We see with her the lovely sugar-plum fairies, the Russian dancers and Arabian girl, the Chinese boys and the dance of the reed-flutes. Later, the gingerbread children are eaten up by the naughty mice and the toy soldiers come to the rescue. Finally it all ends happily with the lovely “Waltz of the Flowers.”

### Owyhee county fair board meets

The Owyhee County Fair Board held their final meeting of 1952, on Friday, December 12, at the Owyhee county agent’s office. Members of the board are: Ted Blackstock, chairman; L.C. Pace, Allen Sirein, O.D. Lewis, Clifford McMahan, Carl Agenbroad and Harold McJunkin, acting secretary.

### Christmas prog. to be held Mon.

The brand new grade school stage curtain will be pulled next Monday evening, December 22, at 7:45 p.m. to the opening; strains of the “Nutcracker Suite”, and the grade school children will perform in colorful costumes for the annual school Christmas program. The delightful program is being given under the direction of Mrs. Irene Rencher and Mrs. Frank Regan, assisted by the elementary school teachers.

Following the program Santa Claus will make his appearance and the parents are requested to take children to any of the class rooms and Santa will make the rounds of the room and talk to each child. Sacks of candy will be given tot he children by the Chamber of Commerce.

### Homedale soldiers receive discharge

CAMP CARSON, COLO - Two soldiers from Homedale, Idaho, were recently released from active duty at the Army Separation Center in Camp Carson, Colo.

They are Cpl. Benjamin L. Churchill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Churchill and Cpl. Paul S. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Fisher.

They entered the Army in December, 1950 and served for 12 months in Germany at the 320<sup>th</sup> Army General Hospital.

They have been awarded the Army of Occupation Medal for duty in Germany.

### Trojans defeated in Casaba games

The Homedale Trojan basketball team tasted defeat twice last week, going down before the league favorites from New Plymouth 58-17 on Friday night, and falling before a strong Marsing team 51-23 Tuesday night.

Homedale has an inexperienced team this year, and has yet to win a casaba contest. New Plymouth and Marsing are both undefeated this season.

The Trojans tackle Fruitland high school in a game to be played here tomorrow (Friday) night. This Christmas holidays. Wilder will be guests of the Homedale club on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Honor roll listed

High school students making the honor roll this semester with a straight A average were Dennis Regan, Donna Faulks, Lee Townsend, Ruth Burton, Jean Porter, Josie Johnson, Shirlee Haylett, Darlene Townsend, Leona Zittle and Patsy Nance.

## 134 years ago

March 19, 1870

### Local hints and happenings

Sam Heidelberger is agent here for the San Francisco Scientific Press.

J. Huelaz, Esq., has returned from a week’s sojourn at the Capital. Reports politics lively.

Marshall Hill, of Trout creek, killed a man-eater with a pitchfork last Wednesday night.

We welcome to our exchange list Jack Stratman’s Evening Tribune. It is one of the most wide awake and readable papers in the United States.

It is said that Joe Short and Frank Brooker will soon open the Owyhee Exchange, corner Washington and Second streets.

Last Monday a man froze his feet quite severely while coming down from the mountain, and is laid up at the Miner’s Hotel.

Times are getting lively. Pokergames are brisk in Tom Jones’ saloon-all the way from ten cents to five dollars ante.

The blondes are baring a gay and festive time in the lower end of town. Champagne and oyster suppers innumerable.

Mr. Blackinger has sold out his meat market in San Diego and skedaddled for the newly discovered mines near that place.

Fred Brunzell had had a letter from E.G. Hult who has seen the San Diego “elephant” and don’t think much of the beast.

Dan Carlin, formerly of this place, left White Pine and went to Europe last fall.

Dave Jackson and wife are residing in Treasure City.

Sarah McGinty (Mrs. Greely) has betaken herself to the stage again and is playing at the railroad towns east of Elko.

Father Poulin has gone to Boise City.

Our “devil” has been staying up late o’ nights to study the problem of “bulls and bears,” and compares it to a balance in one scale of which is gold, in the other greenbacks; consequently gold being the heavier is bound to down and greenbacks go up.

“Dutch Henery” is now on the road with a team between here and Camp McDermitt. He has been home to the States, got married, and is bringing his father-in-law back with him.

Dave Edgerton has returned from a visit to his friends in the East. Charley Ingram says he found the refugee running around loose in Jordan valley, and delivered him over to a band of Nimrods who will care for him till they get back to town.

St. Patrick’s Day passed off remarkably quiet-more so than ever before in Owyhee. No drunks, no fights, no one put in the calaboose.

The mines are all looking well and quartz hauling is going on as lively as ever.

One day this week some needy individual went into the Ruby toll house when the occupants were out and stole a pair of new overshoes belonging to Joe Cain. The thief left on the table the following brief note: “Jo Cain I’m glad you were not at home.”

Tuesday morning Antone Mark and Archy Davis started for Peace river, via Columbia river and Victoria. Other parties are preparing to go by land to the same destination.

Mr. Rogers, formerly a Flint merchant, is in town.

Jimmy Brown, the expressman, came over from Flint on Wednesday, and informs us that L.J. Swart, County Commissioner, is suffering from some malady in his eyes, which has rendered him nearly blind.

John C. Page, confined in the Territorial Prison some two or three years for manufacturing bogus dust and recently pardoned out by Gov. Ballard, is in town, looking after his mining interests. He looks as of yore with the exception of a somewhat sobered appearance, and traces of care upon his brow. There were many others as bad, and even worse than Page, engaged in bogus dust operations, but who managed by hook or crook to evade justice.



# Commentary

## Editor’s notebook

Joe Aman  
Apologies

Sometimes when things go wrong they really go wrong.  
Last week we were to run an article announcing the Homedale American Legion’s Christmas dinner. The article was given to one reporter, who gave it to the other reporter since the latter was doing articles on the various holiday festivities. But somewhere in the transfer it became lost, and the article didn’t get in the paper.  
This newspaper and its staff apologizes to the legion for the error.

Then there’s the classified for the county museum director. We listed the salary at \$70,000, rather than the \$20,000 it should have read. The facility received an abundance of applications.

## On the edge of common sense

Baxter Black, DVM

### The littlest shepherd

The night was calm. The sheep were settled in. The dogs hung on the outside ring of the campfire waiting for the three men and boy to finish eating. A coyote howled. Four hundred sixteen ears perked simultaneously, including the 202 sheep. “Better make a circle, boy, before we bed down,” said Uncle.

The boy, called Juanito, picked up his long staff, invited a dog and started out in the stubble field. He stopped on the opposite side of the band of sheep. He was scanning their fluffy backs in the moonlight, when he saw a blinding flash and heard a booming soaring crescendo!

He fully expected the sheep to bolt, but they barely stirred. The tumult came from the direction of the sheep camp. He could make out the silhouettes of his two uncles and brother-in-law. Then everything faded to dark. Juanito make his way back around the band to the camp. Sitting on a rough stump by the open fire was a boy his age.

“Don’t be scared,” said the new boy quietly. “Your kin will be gone for a while but I’ll stay and help you with the sheep.”

“Who are you?” asked Juanito.

“I’m the angel Floyd.”

“No!” said Juanito, disbelieving.

Without seeming to move a muscle, Floyd levitated above Juanito’s head. He spread his arms and sang a sweet prolonged note as a bright light glowed from his outstretched hands.

“Chihuahua!” exclaimed Juanito.

“Anything else?” asked Angel Floyd.

“Yes, where did my uncle and them go?”

“To see a baby that will grow up and change the world. Your uncles will become famous because they will be the first to see Him and spread the news. They will be the earth’s first Christians.

“They will tell over and over what they saw and heard tonight. They will be revered, sit at emperors tables, do concerts. They will also be persecuted. The baby will grow and someday will honor them in His teachings. He will call himself a ‘shepherd of men’.

“Two thousand years from now the world will be singing songs about this very night. Rejoicing and telling stories about the angels and the baby and your uncles and sister’s husband. They will be known and loved by mankind forever and forever.”

Juanito scratched a stick through the coals. The coyote howled again. He rose to go, paused and asked the angel, “How do I know you’re telling the truth?”

“Angels don’t lie,” said Floyd.

“And,” continued Juanito, “How come I didn’t get invited to see the baby, and see the world and get famous and all?”

“Well,” said the angel, looking him in the eye, “Somebody has to watch the sheep.”



## Farm Bureau

### EPA Proposes Unrealistic Water Temperature Standards

By John Thompson  
Director of Information

The Environmental Protection Agency recently released its second stab at developing Draft Temperature Guidance Standards for Idaho streams and rivers. And much like the first attempt, the new standards will be impossible to meet.

As part of a difficult process of developing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) standards for Idaho waters, water users have taken on the challenge of setting standards for sediment, nutrients and several other pollutants. But according to experts from the Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA), EPA’s “cookie-cutter” approach to temperature standards simply won’t work. And in addition, water users are likely to be disenchanted by the EPA’s unrealistic temperature standards, which could hamper long-term TMDL efforts.

Another apparent flaw in the temperature standard debate relates to Best Management Practices (BMPs) constructed by water users such as sediment ponds and wetlands. These practices are used to treat pollutants and they do that job very well. However, the downside is they collect water, which in the summer tends to elevate water temperature. It doesn’t appear to be possible to both implement Best Management Practices that keep our streams and rivers clean while at the same time attempt to meet EPA’s proposed water temperature standards.

It’s troubling for people who work “on the ground” when they receive arbitrary regulations or proposed regulations like this most recent effort from EPA. It makes them think the people making the regulations don’t have a clue about what it’s really like out there.

The EPA needs to take into account that southern Idaho’s desert climate is going to make it very difficult to implement and manage water†temperature standards. Even if there were no farms, livestock operations, factories or cities it would still be difficult. For these reasons and†many more, EPA should withdraw its 2nd Draft Temperature Guidance as it did with the first and leave the temperature issues for the states to manage.

## The lighter side

### She must be a Democrat

A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She lowered altitude and spotted a man below. She shouted to him, “Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don’t know where I am.”

The man consulted his portable GPS and replied, “You’re in a hot air balloon approximately 30 feet above a ground elevation of 2346 feet above sea level. You are 31 degrees, 14.97 minutes north latitude and 100 degrees, 49.09 minutes west longitude.”

She rolled her eyes and said, “You must be a Republican.”

“I am,” replied the man. “How did you know?”

“Well,” answered the balloonist, “everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to make of your information, and I’m still lost. Frankly, you’ve not been much help to me.”

The man smiled and responded, “You must be a Democrat.”

“I am,” replied the balloonist. “But, how did you know?”

“Well,” said the man, “you don’t know where you are or where you’re going. You’ve risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise that you have no idea how to keep and you expect ME to solve your problem. You’re in EXACTLY the same position you were in before we met, but somehow now, it’s MY fault.”



Commentary

Accuracy in media

Coroners v. medical examiners

The Associated Press recently reported that Dr. Cyril Wecht, who it described as “perhaps the nation’s most prominent coroner, having consulted on cases ranging from the Kennedy assassinations to Elvis’s death,” is the target of a petition drive. Jim Roddey, the chief executive of Allegheny County, which embraces Pittsburgh, wants to follow in the footsteps of a number of other large cities and replace its elected coroner, Dr. Wecht, with an appointed medical examiner.

Roddey was quoted as saying, “If you look around the country, most large cities are now using a medical examiner, and for a very good reason, in order to ensure they have the most qualified individual.” He said that he would appoint Wecht, a Democrat, to the post, but he added that “Cyril won’t always be there.” One of Roddey’s supporters is quoted as saying, “There is no Republican or Democratic way of performing an autopsy.”

That is true, but coroners and medical examiners often have to decide if a death is a homicide, a suicide or the result of natural causes. Homicides are sometimes committed or paid for by people of influence. They have been known to bring pressure to bear to get the police or the medical examiner to say a murder was a suicide. In 1995, Alan Mabry, a Houston police officer who had exposed corruption in the handling of police pension funds, was found shot to death in Fort Bend County. The sheriff said it was a suicide, but Mabry had been shot in the back of his head, and a state toxicologist testified that a grossly excessive amount of gunshot residue had been smeared on his hand. The verdict of the coroner’s jury was homicide.

The most notorious example of a medical examiner falsifying autopsy evidence and other medical examiners refusing to expose his obstruction of justice is seen in the case of former White House Deputy Counsel Vincent W. Foster, Jr. The investigation of Foster’s death was entrusted to the U.S. Park Police. It should have been handled by the FBI, but the White House was not sure it could control the FBI, whose director Clinton had just fired. It demonstrated its ability to control the

Park Police by ordering them to return Foster’s White House pager before they could check to see if it held any messages that might have been clues to where, when and how he died.

The White House also demanded that the autopsy be done the next day, making it impossible for Sgt. John Rolla, the officer who had examined the body at the crime scene, to attend. It was performed by Dr. James C. Beyer, chief medical examiner for Northern Virginia. He claimed he found a large exit wound in the back of the skull, three inches below the top of the head. Sgt. Rolla had gone over that area with his fingers, trying to find a wound, but all he had found was a soft spot. He concluded that the bullet was still inside the skull.

Dr. Beyer’s autopsy report said the entrance wound was in the back of Foster’s throat, 7-1/2 inches below the top of his head. A .38 high-velocity bullet fired into the back of the throat could not possibly exit from the skull, 4-1/2 inches above where it entered. Eight months later, four medical examiners, including Beyer’s boss and his assistant, reviewed his autopsy report and decided that the entrance wound had to be relocated to the soft palate. They made the change without the benefit of x-rays that would have shown the trajectory of the bullet. Their report said there were no x-rays because the machine was inoperable.

Although Beyer’s report said x-rays were taken, and he had said that they showed no bullet fragments in the skull, his colleagues accepted his claim that the machine wasn’t working. The service records show that there was no call for service until three months after the autopsy, proof that Beyer was lying. They did not demand to see them. The x-rays had to vanish because there was a bullet trapped in the skull. It lacked the power to break out. The .38 revolver found in Foster’s hand was a plant, put there to persuade the police that he had killed himself. Dr. Brian Blackburn, the medical examiner hired by Kenneth Starr, was shocked to learn that Beyer had lied to him about the x-rays, but like his colleagues, he has done nothing to expose his old friend’s dishonesty. Dr. Wecht, who has both skill and integrity, is not afraid to do that.

Public

notices

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**CASE NO. CV-03227**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE RONALD C. YANKE AND LINDA L. YANKE, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, vs. MARK A. COMSTOCK AND SHAUNA B. COMSTOCK, husband and wife, d.b.a. CASTLE CREEK DAIRY; CASTLE BUTTE FARMS LLC, an Idaho limited liability company; BEEF NORTHWEST, INC., an Oregon corporation; DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE of the STATE OF IDAHO; KARL D. STEINER, an individual; JAY H. HULET, an individual; and the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE of the TREASURY) DEPARTMENT OF the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE of the STATE OF IDAHO, Cross-Claimant, vs. MARK A. COMSTOCK AND SHAUNA B. COMSTOCK, husband and wife, d.b.a. CASTLE CREEK DAIRY, an Idaho limited liability company and/or SNAKE RIVER MILLING, a sole proprietorship; CASTLE BUTTE FARMS, LLC, an Idaho limited liability company Cross-Defendants. RONALD C. YANKE AND LINDA L. YANKE, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, vs. SAMUEL K. CROCKER, United States Bankruptcy Court Chapter 11 Trustee for AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL DAIRIES, INC., a Tennessee corporation, Defendant.  
Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale filed in the above entitled matter on the 13th day of November, 2002, out of and under the seal of the above entitled Court on a Decree of Foreclosure recovered in said Court in the above entitled action on the 4th day of November, 2002, in favor of the above-named Plaintiffs, RONALD C. YANKE AND LINDA L. YANKE, husband and wife, and certain Defendants, I am commanded and required to

proceed to notice for sale and to sell at public auction the property described in said Order of Sale and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Decree of Foreclosure and my fees and costs. The property directed to be sold is situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and is described as follows: In Township 4 South, Range 1 East, B.M., Owyhee County Idaho Section 13: SW1/4 NW1/4, W1/2 SW1/4 Section 14: SE1/4 SE1/4, NE1/4 SE1/4 lying East of Wees Road. A portion of S1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4 lying East of Wees Road described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of SE1/4 NE1/4; thence North along the West boundary of SE1/4 NE1/4 a distance of 469 feet to a point; thence Easterly along a line that lies parallel to the South boundary line of the SE1/4 NE1/4 to a point on the Section line between Sections 13 and 14; thence South along Section line a distance of approximately 469 feet to the Southeast corner of SE1/4 NE1/4; thence West along the South boundary line to the Point of Beginning. Section 23: NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 24: NW1/4 NW1/4  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002, at the hour of 3 o’clock p.m. in front of the front door of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Decree of Foreclosure as set out in such Order of Sale to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money. Said real estate is subject to redemption within one (1) year after the sale because the real property to be sold consists of a tract of land of more than twenty (20) acres, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002.  
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Sheriff - Owyhee County, Idaho  
By Richard Freund  
Deputy  
12/4,11,18/02

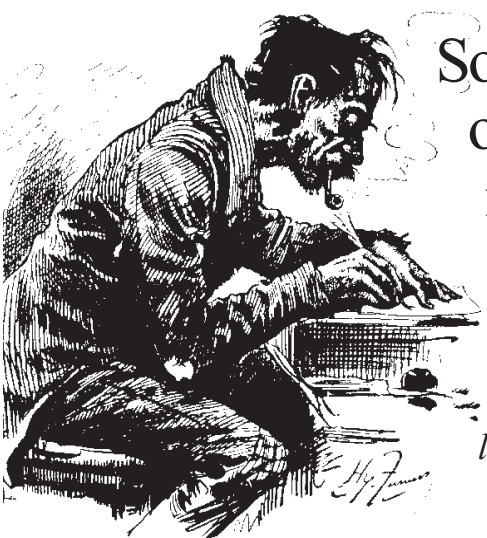
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# Public notices

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MARSING City Council will hold a public hearing at Marsing City Hall on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to consider an application submitted by Marsing School District of said property annexed into the City of Marsing and zoned (P).

The legal description of the property is:

A portion of the SE1/4 NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian which is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of the said SE1/4 NE1/4;

Thence South 0 54'08" East along the East boundary of the said SE1/4 NE1/4, the said East boundary also being the centerline of Highway 78, a distance of 1191.96 feet to a point that is 90.00 feet Northerly of the Southeast corner of the said SE1/4 NE1/4;

Thence North 89 39'30" West along a line parallel with the South boundary of the said SE1/4 NE1/4, a distance of 326.23 feet;

Thence North 5 43'06" West, a distance of 477.17 feet;

Thence Northwesterly, a distance of 234.68 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 625.00 feet, a central angle of 21 30'49" and a long chord which bears North 16 28'31" West, a distance of 233.30 feet;

Thence North 27 13'55" West, a distance of 561.86 feet to a point on the North boundary of the said SE1/4 NE1/4;

Thence South 89 18'14" East along the said North boundary, a distance of 678.32 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

This parcel is subject to a right-of-way for Highway 78 along the East boundary, a 50 foot wide drain ditch easement, and to all other easements and rights-of-way existing or of record.

This parcel contains 12.07 acres Also known as part of Marsing School District.

Any person supporting or objecting to such petition shall be heard at such hearing.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002.

Janice C. Bicandi  
City Clerk

12/18,25/02

## NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that assessments levied by the Gem Irrigation District in 2002 for 2003 by virtue of the public notice given by the Bureau of Reclamation under Owyhee Project contract requires that payment is due in full before water will be delivered.

This assessment will become delinquent and subject to a penalty and interest unless paid before 5:00 p.m., December 20, 2002 and the remainder on or before March 15, 2003, or the delivery of said water will be withheld.

Payment of said assessment may be made to the Gem Irrigation District, in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, Idaho, during office hours of any business day or mailed.

James Davenport  
Treasurer  
Gem Irrigation District

12/18/02

## Notice of Assessment Due

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2002 Irrigation season, are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o'clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2002. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft, or cashiers check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.

Dixie McDaniel  
Secretary/Treasurer

12/11,18/02

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 02-WG-31005

Notice is hereby given that, First American Title Insurance Company, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on April 15, 2003, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, Owyhee County Courthouse, corner of State Highway 79 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: EXHIBIT "A" This parcel is a portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 2; thence North 00f 31' 06" West along the West boundary of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 521.34 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 00f 31' 06" West along said West boundary, a distance of 164.08 feet; thence South 89f 30' 33" East, parallel to the South boundary of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 265.48 feet; thence South 00f 31' 06" East parallel to the West boundary of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 164.08 feet; thence North 89f 30' 33" West parallel to the South boundary of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 265.48 feet to the TRUE 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 Route 1 Box 311 Persahll Road nka 4286 Pershall Rd., 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 Marla M. Adams, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Long Beach Mortgage Company, as Beneficiary, dated 1/19/1999, recorded 1/27/1999, under Instrument No. 227349, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by The Chase

Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Long Beach Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-LB-1. 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 is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 1/19/1999, the monthly payment which became due on 6/1/2001 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of December 9, 2002 Delinquent Payments from June 01, 2001 3 payments at \$636.65 each \$1,909.95 6 payments at \$682.90 each \$4,097.40 3 payments at \$631.11 each \$1,893.33 3 payments at \$631.12 each \$1,893.36 4 payments at \$587.31 each \$2,349.24 (06-01-01 through 12-09-02) Late Charges: \$563.79 Beneficiary Advances: \$2,675.84 Total: \$15,382.91 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 \$71,636.37, together with interest thereon at 9.990% per annum from 5/1/2001 to 9/1/2001, 9.990% per annum from 9/1/2001 to 3/1/2002, 9.990% per annum from 3/1/2002 to 6/1/2002, 9.990% per annum from 6/1/2002 to 9/1/2002, 9.990% per annum from 9/1/2002, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: November 27, 2002 **First American Title Insurance Company, Trustee** By Cynthia G. Guanell, Assist V.P. c/o Regional Trustee Services Corporation, 720 Seventh Avenue, Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP512383

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## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, At the entrance to the Owyhee County Courthouse, Highway 78, Mile Marker 29 1/2, Murphy, ID 83650 on 03/26/03 at 11:30 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 03/27/2000 as Instrument Number 231849, and executed by DORIS ANN HUKILL, as Grantor (s), in favor of FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN ITS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, to STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho:

**LOT 8, BLOCK 1 EAGLE VIEW ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THERE OF RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 215482, RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.**

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 104 WAREAGLE RD, MELBA, ID 83641 is sometimes associated with the said

real property.

Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust.

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

Failure to pay the monthly payment due 06/01/2002 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 13.125% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$67,816.38, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. 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.** DATED November 18, 2002 STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC.

Name and Address of the Current Trustee is:

STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC.

9196 West Emerald, Suite 100 Boise, ID 83704

Diana L. Ayres, Trust Officer PHONE: (800) 281-8219 for information.

Successor Trustee

12/11, 18, 25/02-01/02/03

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On April 1, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock am of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, on the corner of State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, 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:

All that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of

the the Southwest Quarter; thence North 25 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence 150 feet North; thence 150 feet West; thence 150 feet South; thence East 150 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of Route 1 Box 1244, Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Beverly Ann Ordorica, a single person as Grantor(s) with EquiCredit Corporation of Idaho as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded May 23, 1997 as Instrument No. 22187, records of Owyhee County, Idaho.. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to EquiCredit Corporation of America, recorded September 2, 1997, as Instrument No. 222736. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to First Bank National Association Trust, acting solely in its capacity as trustee for EQCC Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-3, recorded September 2 1997 as Instrument No. 222737 in the records of said County.

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

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments of \$504.23 due for the months of July 2002, through and including the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$57,256.32 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 9.6% from June 1, 2002, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 21 day of November, 2002.

Paula Peterson  
Trust Officer for  
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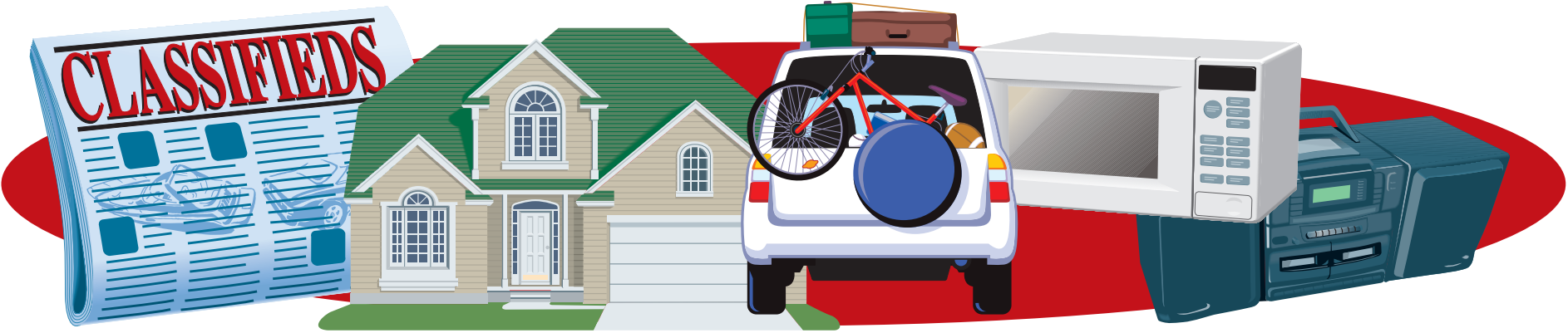
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The family of Clifford Dickson would like to thank Georgia and staff for the care that was given at Owyhee Health and Rehab. To Rick, Connie and friends at the Homedale Senior apts. for watching out for him. To Mary, Lori, Jennifer and Margie for being there everyday to visit with him. Thanks for all the cards, phone calls and expressions of sympathy. A special thanks to Art and Donna Shenk for helping to take care of Uncle Cliff, but most of all for being great friends to him and us.

Sincerely; Dale and Paula Dickson and Cliff Dickson family.

An additional thanks from the Owyhee County Junior Livestock to the following people who got left out. A big thank you and Merry Christmas to all! Dave and Ann Rutan, Val and Dennis Dines, Rich Brooks, Jeff Hansen, Cris Elsner, Eric Morrison, Diane Bruneel, Tim Dines, Joe Usabel, Darren Krzesink, Linda Noyce, Jessica Ellis, Marsha Hays, Annette Dygert, Leanda Uranga, 4-H/FFA Runners, and any one else we missed.

The family of Jewel Scott would like to thank the community, the Eastern Star and Paul’s market and those who helped and furnished food for our mother’s funeral dinner and the kindness shown her over the years. Also a thank you to Pastor Ryan for his help at the Services.

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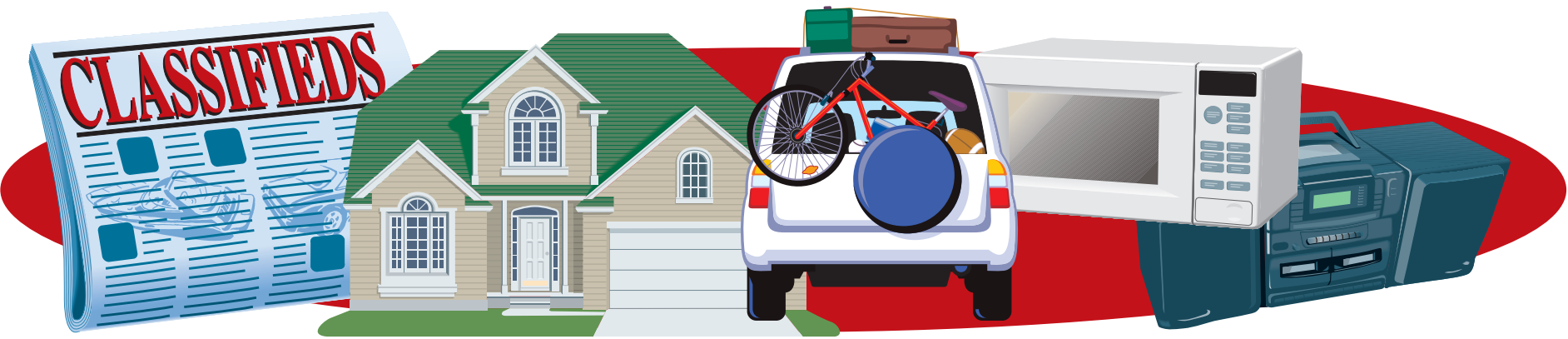
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**ROYAL VISTA ESTATES** - Bring your builder and choose from one to five acre "top of the world" view lots. Lots include well & septic, pressurized irrigation & spectacular view of the whole valley and Owyhee Mountains.

**SALE FELL!!** - Your opportunity on this "Doll House". 3 bdrm home completely remodeled w/ new carpet, cabinets, ceramic tile in bath & kitchen. LIKE NEW!! \$69,000

**Rubber  
Stamps**

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Western Family  
**Cream Cheese**



8 oz.

**2 \$1**  
for

John Morrell  
**Bone In Hams**



Shank... **79¢** lb.  
Butt..... **99¢** lb.

**Dole Salad Mix**



16 oz. Package

**89¢**

Choice  
**Navel Oranges**



**39¢** lb.  
or  
**\$10.99** box

Golden Smoke  
**Boneless Hams**



**99¢** lb.

Slab Style  
**Pork Spare Ribs**



**\$1.29** lb.

**Baby Carrots**



16 oz. Bag

**99¢**

Stalk  
**Celery**



**2 \$1**  
for

16 oz. Hillshire  
**'Lil Smokies** **\$2.69**  
Boneless Beef Steak or Roast  
**Eye of Round** **\$2.29** lb.  
Fallsbrand Whole  
**Bone-In Hams** **\$1.39** lb.

Bone-In Beef  
**Rib Eye Roast** **\$3.99** lb.  
Boneless Pork  
**Boston Butt Roast** **\$1.29** lb.  
16 oz. Capt. Harvest  
**Imitation Crab Flakes** **\$1.89**

Bunch  
**Green Onions** **4 \$1** for  
Bulk In-Shell  
**Mixed Nuts** **\$1.49** lb.  
12 oz.  
**Fresh Cranberries** **\$1.79** ea.

Slicing  
**Tomatoes** **99¢** lb.  
Head  
**Lettuce** **59¢** ea.  
New Zealand  
**Hass Avocados** **69¢** ea.

Western Family  
**Pineapple**



20 oz. Asst'd.

**79¢**

16 oz. Western Family  
**Cranberry Sauce** **69¢**

Western Family  
**Pumpkin**



29 oz. Tin

**79¢**

39 oz. Maxwell House or Yuban  
**Coffee** **\$4.99**

Western Family  
**Mandarin Oranges**

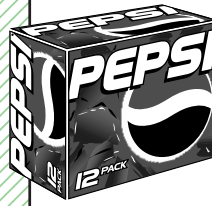


11 oz. Tin

**3 \$1**  
for

6 oz. Asst'd.  
**Jell-O Gelatin** **79¢**

All Varieties  
**Pepsi Products**



12 Pack Cans

**\$2.99**

12-12 oz. Bottles  
**Budweiser Beer** **\$7.99**

Western Family  
**Fancy Yams**



29 oz. Tin

**89¢**

6.5 oz. Snows  
**Minced Clams** **99¢**

Nalley Fresh Pack  
**Pickles**



46 oz. Jar

**\$1.89**

6 oz. Early California  
**Med. Pitted Olives** **89¢**

Birds Eye  
**Cool Whip**



8 oz. Tub

**89¢**

13.5 oz. Doritos  
**Tortilla Chips** **3 \$5** for

Clover Club  
**Potato Chips**



**2 \$3**  
for

12.25 oz.

7 to 10 oz. Asst'd.  
**Nabisco Snack Crackers** **2 \$4** for

ONE COUPON PER VISIT - PER ITEM ONLY. THANK YOU!!

5001

COUPON

**Eddys  
Dinner Rolls**

**89¢**

12 ct. Package

Limit 2 Expires 12/25/02

5002

COUPON

Western Family  
**Frozen  
Vegetables**

Corn  
Peas  
Green Beans

**2 \$1**  
for

16 oz. Pkg.

Limit 2 Expires 12/25/02

5003

COUPON

Darigold  
**Whipping  
Cream**

**2 \$1**  
for

Half Pint

Limit 2 Expires 12/25/02

5004

COUPON

Frozen  
**Mrs. Smith  
Pies**

**\$2.19**

37 oz. Asst'd.

Limit 2 Expires 12/25/02

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