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Mayor says it will take months to sort through city's finances

Incoming mayor Paul Fink said during a council meeting last week that the city of



Paul Fink

Homedale needs to be cleaned up and he said the sooner the better. He said he residents will see many new changes in the coming months, but to begin with he made appointments to city leaders positions and began the process to stall the city's ongoing water project.

Fink was in the city clerk's office early Thursday morning after being sworn into office Wednesday night. Cindy Sims, Steve Schultz and incumbent councilman Charles Garrison were also sworn in during the council meeting by Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman.

Fink began his term by filling positions in the clerk's office with Susan Mansisidor as City Clerk and Marsha Hayes as Deputy City Clerk. He appointed Larry Bauer as City Maintenance Supervisor, Chris Nye as the city attorney

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New mayor promises productive future

Marsing City Council swore in a new mayor last week who promised that the taxpayers of the city would see a productive future in some of its ongoing water problems. He also appointed the city leaders

Former city councilman Don Osterhoudt opened his term as mayor with a short speech and stated that within the near future the city would have an upgraded sewer system and work will begin on plans for better communication equipment and the city would be able to view by television the city's sewer project.

"These are all short term items," Osterhoudt said. "We should have our sewer line inventoried to the point where we can review that. One of

the things I wanted to address was an item that came up in our last council meeting was to talk to our engineer about mapping our water lines in town. It will only cost about \$600 and I would like to see that done. In the next two years I envision that we will be land application from our discharge due to DEQ regulations. We will also be looking at that issue.

"As far as water, I think we need to evaluate our lines. One of the things our city is hurting for is some of the fire codes. Some of the old two-inch and four-inch lines.

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Don Osterhoudt



Above the inversion

A thick layer of fog hangs over the valley Saturday, while the sun was shining in the higher elevation above the Reynolds Creek drainage last Saturday.

Jordan Valley residents seek answers to poor road conditions

Residents in Jordan Valley will gather at the Pleasant Valley School at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 29 to seek answers to why their roads are not being taken care of. The county commissioners and representatives from the Bureau of Land Management have been asked to attend.

Coordinator Mike Baltzor said last week that the reason for the meeting is to try to get some answers about road conditions near Jordan Valley. He said the meeting will consist of residents in the area "airing" their grievances about the roads.

"We are having a heck of a

time up here," Baltzor said. "We have one employee up here who is trying to keep the roads open. We have had some winter this year and they are just barely getting the roads open. They are not coming back and widening them. If we get any kind of a storm at all, we are in trouble.

"It is not just a winter-time deal. The maintenance on these roads is just terrible. With the increased traffic from the Owyhee Upland promotion the BLM did it has just quadrupled the traffic. We don't know who is responsible for it, if it is the county or BLM."

Baltzor said in the summer months, the traffic has gotten so heavy, keeping dust off of the crops and out of their homes is nearly impossible.

"The dust just saturates our fields, we have cows affected by it. It just fogs in here in the evening," Baltzor explained. "It has been crazy. The road maintenance has been just terrible. There is no place else for these people to go in Idaho so now they are coming up here. I feel like the BLM should be involved because they promoted it."

Baltzor said the public is invited to attend.

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New council

Newly elected Homedale City Councilpersons Cindy Sims, Steve Schultz and Charles Garrison are sworn into office Wednesday night by Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman.



City leader

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman swears in Homedale’s newest mayor Paul Fink during a city council meeting last week. Fink said the city would see many new changes with the new administration.



Marsing officials

Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi reads the oath of office during a swearing in ceremony of newly elected officials Councilperson Paula Enrico, Councilman Ed Pfeifer and Mayor Don Osterhoudt.



Newly appointed

Rob Howarth is sworn into office during a council meeting in Marsing last week. Howarth was appointed to the city council to replace incoming mayor Don Osterhoudt. Osterhoudt also suggested Faye Pfrimmer and Dan Carlson as possible appointees.

Councilwoman resigns after moving from city

Marsing City Councilwoman Jennifer Finlay announced that she would no longer be attending the city’s governmental meetings as a deciding figure after moving from the city, this month. Finlay told the council at the end of Tuesday night’s meeting that she had moved and would be resigning her position at the conclusion of the regular meeting. To hold an office of councilperson for a city, the person must live in the city’s limits. Finlay announced she now lives in Canyon County. Finlay was elected to the position two years ago. She was in charge of the city’s parks system. She made nearly every motion put on the table during last week’s meeting and was the deciding factor in the ap-

pointment of Rob Howarth who replaced incoming mayor Don Osterhoudt. “I spoke with Jennifer and she said she had not moved from her house as of yet,” Osterhoudt said following Tuesday’s meeting. “The way I understand it is she is in the process of moving.” City Attorney Chris Yorgason said that Finlay was still eligible to attend last week’s meeting, because she had not completed her move to Canyon County. “Typically when a person establishes residency in a different city they are no longer able to serve on the council,” Yorgason said. “Either way residency is established on the intention of the person. What happens is once you establish residency such that you can

hold public office, you don’t lose that residency until you make determination yourself that you are no longer a resident. It is ok to have two homes as long as you consider your original home your residence. Until she says her new home is now her primary residence, she maintains residency in the original home.” Yorgason said cases where someone tries to fabricate a residency and most of those cases are ones where residency has never been established. He said in this case, Finlay obviously had a Marsing residency and for her to lose that, she would have to affirmatively recognize that she is no longer a resident. “Until she does that she is still believed to be a resident of Marsing,” Yorgason said.

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Marsing City Council moved to remove appointed planning and zoning commissioner Robert Baczik, also known as “Spanky,” due to a “profanity laced tirade” directed at the commission’s secretary.

Commission Chairman Darin Holzhey presented a letter of recommendation from the planning and zoning to the council Tuesday night explaining an outburst by Baczik during a public hearing last month.

“During the course of the discussion, Mr. Robert (Spanky) Baczik, started making derogatory remarks about the Marsing City Engineer,” Holzhey explained in his letter to the council. “Mr. Baczik became visibly upset at remarks from Ms. Martinat and said, ‘if no one wants to hear what I have to say, I’m leaving.’ He then proceeded to move a chair with his foot that was in his way and left the building.”

Holzhey wrote that Baczik returned a few minutes later and demanded the commission “turn off the recorder” because they did not have a quorum. “We have enough for a quorum,” Holzhey stated.

“When the recorder was turned off, Mr. Baczik directed a profanity laced tirade at the secretary,” the letter continued. “He went on to say that it is not her job to say anything to a planning and zoning member. Mr. Baczik stated that he quit and that the Mayor would get a letter of resignation in the morning. He again left the building and the commission continued with its business.”

A motion was made to remove Baczik from the commission and following a unanimous vote, Baczik was removed. Newly sworn in Mayor Don Osterhoudt said after the meeting that Baczik was removed due to a conflict during last month’s meeting.

City Attorney Chris Yorgason said the specifics of the removal are sensitive due to it being a personnel issue. He said the issue could be held in executive session, but it did not have to be.

“The recommendation is basically based on personal conduct and the way the staff were treated during the last meeting,” Yorgason said. “Fortunately, or unfortunately, the public had left after the public hearing. During the course of the deliberation, things were said and there was a conflict. That led to the letter from Chairman Holzhey recommending Mr. Baczik be removed. Since it is an appointed position the council can approve, of course with cause, his removal. The cause has to do with personnel issues and inappropriate conduct directed towards members of the staff.”

The council approved an emergency meeting on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at City Hall to appoint three new commission members. Paula Enrico and Ed Pfeifer resigned their commission positions after they were elected and sworn in as council members. The only remaining members of the commission are Holzhey and Linda Noyce.



Slick conditions

Paramedics from Canyon County assist Karen A. Huitema, 38 of Caldwell after her vehicle rolled when it hit a patch of ice on Hoskins Road near Marsing Wednesday morning. Huitema received minor injuries and was treated and released from a local hospital. Patti J. Schrage, 38 of Marsing, was also transported to a local hospital with minor injuries when her vehicle slid off of the road at Sunnyslope. Canyon County officers said freezing fog and icy conditions Wednesday morning contributed to the accidents.

Weather

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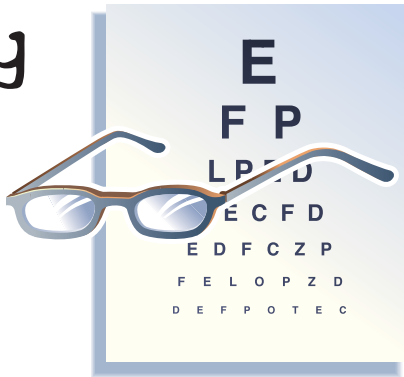
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Susan Mansidor named new city clerk

Former deputy clerk returns

Susan Mansidor will join a familiar face, Marsha Hayes, in the Homedale City Clerk's office after the incoming city leaders were forced to hire new staffing with the resignation of the deputy city clerk and the assistant deputy city clerk. Pam Dugger, former city clerk, was given notice in December that she would not be re-appointed when the new administration took office last week.

Susan and her husband Joe, live in the Homedale area with Susan's three daughters and the couple's twin sons. She said she recently worked for Strata Geo-Technical Testing in Boise. She said she chose to work closer to home.

She graduated from high school in California and has had two years of business management college. She said she then went directly into construction management. She said it was her management background and her personality that helped her

achieve the appointment. "They were looking for happy customer service," Susan said. "I want to add a friendlier atmosphere instead of the clinical atmosphere it

had." Susan said she has heard many complaints about the phone system in the office. She said changes to the system was the first thing she

did when taking the position Thursday morning.

"The phone will now ring directly into this office for the police department during business hours," Susan explained. "We will personally answer the phone if an officer is not in his office. Instead of letting the person calling try to figure out what extension to dial they will now talk to someone."

Susan said residents in the city may see some problems in the coming months, but her office is diligently working to remedy any inconvenience. She said several problem accounts have been discovered.

"I hope everyone will be patient with us," Susan said. "We are actively working to identify any problems. If people have a problem, I want them to feel free to call and talk to us."

Marsha is a Homedale native and worked in the clerk's office several years ago. She has worked for US Bank for 25 years, off and on. During that time she spent eight years in the city clerk's office.

She graduated from Homedale High School and went directly to work for the bank. She said she has done a variety of positions with the bank.

"I think the basics are about the same," Marsha said. "I also want people to know that if they have problems or just want to meet us, stop by. Our door is open."



Homedale City Clerks

Susan Mansidor, seated, will join a familiar face, Marsha Hayes, in the Homedale City Clerk's office after the incoming city leaders were forced to hire new staffing with the resignation of the deputy city clerk and the assistant deputy city clerk.

Highway district to file injunction to keep road open

The Homedale Highway District agreed to have its attorney file an injunction to keep a road to Homedale's tipping station open until the matter can be settled in court.

Attorney Lois Hart told the highway board that a map proves the district is being paid for the road so an injunction could be filed soon.

"I have not filed the injunction yet, but I am certainly looking into the options for the highway district," Hart said last week. "It may include asking for a preliminary injunction to keep things status-quo until either the courts or a hearing with the highway district can determine the nature of the road."

Hart said the information she has gathered shows that the highway district is being paid for the road. She said a title company is currently doing a litigation guarantee for the district.

"I am hoping within the next couple of weeks, I can get enough gathered to show the district next month and get the approval to proceed with the matter," Hart explained.


Hart said the matter would be discussed during the next district meeting in February.

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and Jeff Eidemiller as Chief of Police. Fink said he will name the new city engineer in the near future and he will also have to find a new janitorial service as A-Able Janitorial turned in its letter of resignation Wednesday night.

"The council said I had to begin my term with a long winded speech so here it is," Fink said shortly after the swearing in ceremony Wednesday night. "I would like to welcome each and every one of you here tonight and thank you for coming. I hope you will continue to come to these meetings, because I think if we all work together we will be able to have a nice community, good working relationship and a strong community. With that I will not make any big promises tonight, because as most of you know I am very conservative. I believe in having money in hand before doing things. I want to see where our finances are at before making any promises."

Fink said one project he will be closely following is the water project. He said he will be turning over all of the documentation to the city's attorney to stall the water tower project.

"The change orders is what has got us questioning what is going on," Fink explained. "What do we need to do to stop the project?" Fink asked Nye.

Garrison voiced concerns about change orders the former city engineer had submitted to the former city clerk. Garrison said he did not want the water project to be the same as the bridge project recently completed.

"The council approved \$102,000 for the bridge project and then it becomes \$107,000 without council approval," Garrison said. "We don't want to see that continue as long as I am here. If there is a change order, I want to at least be able to see it."

Fink passed around a paper of a hand drawing he called blueprints for the bridge project. He said the city paid approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the blueprint.

"I am going to send this to the engineering board, because if we spent \$30,000 for this blueprint that does not have an engineering seal on it, we have a problem," Fink said. "A child could draw this blueprint."

Fink said Friday from city

hall that stalling the water project is necessary because the city currently needs a new engineer and the council would like to review the plans.

"We need to find out if there is going to be any more change orders. We are not happy with the change order," Fink said Friday. "Bob (Walker), wrote up a change order recently and we are not happy with it. It includes the overflow line into Succor Creek. Bob knew the overflow line should have been included in the bid. With a change order, there isn't any bid on it. It is up to the contractor what they want to charge. They have a line on the plans that takes the overflow to the irrigation canal. But they knew that they could not dump into the canal, so they took another line to Succor Creek. It should have been included in the bid."

"We just want to go back and look at it. I feel the council has been left out of a lot of things. It will be discussed during the next council meeting this week."

The council will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday at City Hall.

✓ Marsing

We need to know where they are at to see what we need to change. This is your council, but these are some of the things I would like to see. This is some of my goals."

Osterhoudt proceeded to appoint a new councilperson to fill his position. Osterhoudt said he had three people he would like to suggest to the council.

"Two of these people ran very honorable candidacy in last year's election," Osterhoudt continued. "Faye

Pfrimmer and Bud Peck. They brought a lot of information to the table. The third person is Rob Howarth. He is very knowledgeable about water issues and I think that is something we will have to have in the future. My recommendation is Rob."

Newly sworn in councilperson Paula Enrico said she would nominate Bud Peck. Councilperson Jennifer Finaly and Ed Pfeifer voted against the nomination.

Finally followed with a nomination of Howarth, which Pfeifer agreed with. Enrico voted against Howarth's nomination. Howarth was sworn into office and took his seat at the table.

Osterhoudt appointed each councilperson to oversee individual city departments. Enrico was appointed to irrigation, Pfeifer was appointed to roads and bridge, Howarth to water and sewer and Finaly, who resigned at the end of the meeting, to parks and recreation. Osterhoudt said the person appointed to her position would assume the parks and recreation department.

Airport cleanup could cost thousands less than estimated

Former City Engineer Bob Walker told the Homedale City Council last week that an airport cleanup project could cost nearly \$50 thousand less than originally thought. The project has been ongoing since the discovery of Dynoseb, a hazardous chemical, in the ground around the airport several years ago.

Originally the city was told it would cost approximately \$60,000 to clean up the spill which has had sections of the airport closed by caution fence and a gate installed entering the airport. But Walker told the council Wednesday night, that after no one submitted a bid offer for the soil excavation, the cleanup could cost as little as \$18 thousand.

"I have a letter from HDR's engineer Mike Murray," Walker told the council. "The problem is it is a small job, 24 to 35 cubic yards and people didn't want to bother with it. The nearest site to incinerate is 400 miles from here and they said if they had to haul it 400 miles, it would be a \$60,000 job."

But the soil may not have to be sent to an incinerator site, Walker continued to tell the council. "We may be able to have it sent to a waste site right here in Owyhee County."

"One option that was recently brought to HDR's attention is to obtain a waiver from the state to allow disposal of soils at a hazardous waste landfill rather than requirements for incineration," Murray stated in his letter to the council. "The cost saving would be significant. We spoke to one disposal firm that indicated that if a waiver could be granted, the estimate cost of excavation and disposal for 24 cubic yards would be approximately \$17,000 compared to over \$60,000 if incineration is required."



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Drug free

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller prepares to have blood drawn during a voluntary drug testing of city employees last Friday. Every officer in Eidemiller's department and staff from the city's maintenance crew volunteered to have a drug test in response to recent rumors of city employee drug use.

City employees submit to drug tests

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller took a rumor into his own hands last week after his department was accused of using drugs. His entire department and the maintenance department volunteered to have a drug test and said they plan to continue to have random drug testing in the future.

Eidemiller, Rob Cook, Jamie Austin, Griz Garrison and Andy Hoagland gathered with maintenance crew Larry Bauer, Jack Ulrich and Brad Hunt at a clinic in Wilder where each one submitted to a drug test Friday. Eidemiller said the crew had heard rumors that someone in the department had been using illegal drugs.

“I called the guys this morning and asked them if they would come in and submit to a test,” Eidemiller said Friday. “Everyone of them volunteered. As officers we become targets. The only way to answer and accusation is with hard evidence. This should be proof enough.”

Eidemiller said even family members have been the target of the gossip. He said family members of the employees have also volunteered to be drug tested.

“It is a good idea anyway,” Eidemiller said. “The city needs to trust the people who work for them and if we have to do this so someone feels a little more at ease, than so be it. We don’t mind. We will do what we can.”

Eidemiller said the results of the test would not be ready for several days.

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Charles Burkhardt of Grand View won the pickup during last year's drawing.

Birth

**Matthew Damon
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Matthew Damon McBride was born December 1, 2003 to Matthew and Melissa McBride of Homedale. Matthew weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long born in the Mercy Medical Center.

Paternal grandparents are David and Sue McBride of Homedale.

Maternal grandparents are Fred and Diana DeGeus. Great grandparents, Margaret King and Charles and Krena DeGues.

Homedale Senior Center

Jan.22: Pasta in meat sauce,
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Jan.27: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, rolls, dessert.

Jan.28: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, creamed corn, rolls, dessert.

Jan.29: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots. dessert.

Weather leaves Jordan Valley area in the dark

On and off darkness has plagued the small town of Jordan Valley this week as a series of weather related power outages kept the residents wondering if they would need the heater or a wood stove for the night.

Volunteers with the American Red Cross were dispatched Wednesday night to help local residents who are without power and trying to stay warm and set up an emergency shelter at the Lion's Club. Sheriff's deputies and search and rescue personnel went door-to-door informing residents of the shelter's availability. No Jordan Valley residents chose to use the shelter.

An Idaho Power Company spokesman said the outages are a result of fog creating ice on the power lines, which weighs them down, causing them the break. Officers were called to assist by closing Highway 19 for a short time Wednesday as crews replaced a line.

The conditions that created the power outages still exist and until there is a break in the high-pressure inversion weather pattern, rural areas are likely to experience spot outages.

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School superintendent's contract is not extended

Homedale School District Superintendent Bob Lisonbee's contract was not extended during a regular school board meeting last week after a motion to extend the eight-year superintendent's contract died due to the lack of a second.

Board trustee George Hyer moved to extend the administrator's agreement after the board returned from a lengthy executive session to discuss the matter. Lisonbee said although this is the first year his contract has not been extended, he did not feel his job was in danger. Lisonbee has two years remaining on

his current agreement.

"I was not here when the decision was made," Lisonbee said. "I understand a motion was made, but it died. Superintendents can only have three years maximum. They worked to put their evaluation forms together and I think they have some improvements they want me to change and will talk to me about it next month. I suppose if I make the improvements they will extend it next year, but if they feel that I have not done well enough, then they won't."

Hyer said Wednesday that he made the motion, but no

one would make a second. He said now it is a dead issue.

"It was on the agenda to hire, extend his contract," Hyer said. "I made the motion to do it and it didn't get a second so it died. Historically we give the superintendent a three-year contract and each year we extend it. What happens now is he will have two years left on his contract. We usually give them three years for stability purposes. That way they know they have a job and we know we have a superintendent. It has not been a discussion to not renew his contract. I can say that I think that the board feels

it is in the best interest not to have such a lengthy contract out there."

Hyer said he felt the contract should be extended because it is in the best interest of the district by locking the superintendent in.

Hyer said the subject probably would not be brought up at another time until it was discussed again in January 2005.

Hyer and Moss Watson's positions will be up for election this year and he said he was not sure if he would run for the office for another term.

"It doesn't really bother

me," Lisonbee said. "I have never believed in tenure to start with. I don't think it will come to being let go." Lisonbee's contract will expire in 2006 if it is not extended in the next two years.

Board Chairman Benita Miller and Allan Hayes could not be reached for comment.

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Snow report

Current snow depth and snow water equivalent data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for South Mountain, Reynolds Creek and Mud Flat. As of Monday, Owyhee Reservoir contained 68,347 acre-feet of water, which is 10 percent of full. One hundred eighty eight cubic feet of water was entering the reservoir and nine cfs of water was being released.

** Provisional data, subject to revision **

01/19/04			
Date	Snow Water Equivalent	Snow Depth	
Reynolds Creek			
01/12	3.2	10.1	
01/13	3.4	10.1	
01/14	3.3	10.1	
01/15	3.3	10.0	
01/16	3.4	10.1	
01/17	3.3	10.1	
01/18	3.2	9.8	
01/19	3.4	9.9	
South Mtn.			
01/12	14.0	48.6	
01/13	13.8	48.0	
01/14	13.9	47.0	
01/15	13.8	46.7	
01/16	13.8	46.1	
01/17	13.7	45.7	
01/18	13.7	45.6	
01/19	13.8	45.1	
Mud Flat			
01/12	6.3	25.7	
01/13	6.4	25.3	
01/14	6.4	24.7	
01/15	6.3	24.9	
01/16	6.5	23.7	
01/17	6.5	25.1	
01/18	6.3	23.7	
01/19	6.4	23.7	

Departing mayor’s recommendation quashed

Homedale’s departing Mayor Hap Duryee’s recommendation to terminate a city maintenance supervisor fell on deaf ears as the city council denied his recommendation.

Duryee called for an executive session of the council at the beginning of Wednesday night’s meeting.

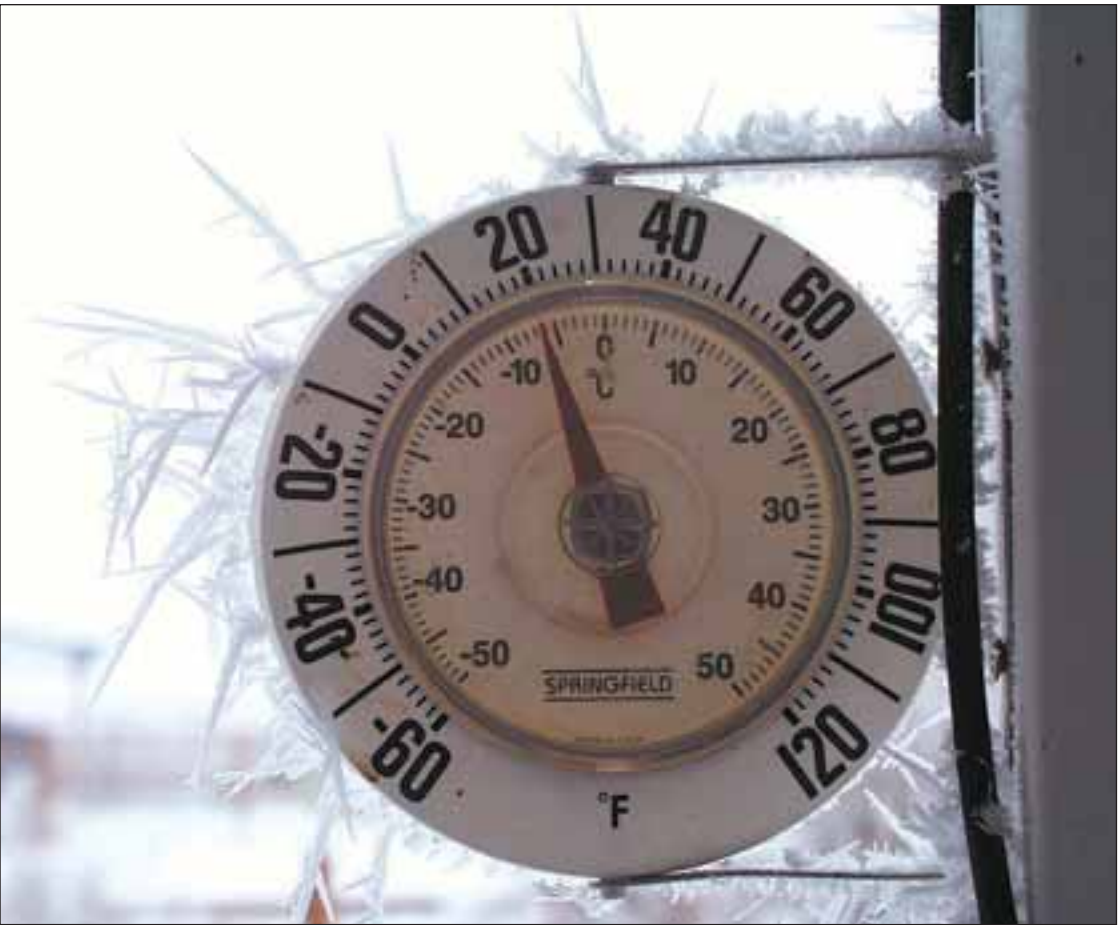
“I am going to ask the council to recommend the termination of Larry Bauer from his position as City of Homedale’s Public Works Supervisor for the following reason,” Duryee read from a prepared statement following a short session. “Insubordination: the willful failure to comply with the Homedale City Council’s orders of October 2002. Regarding using the City Shop after the letter from the Cities (sic) insurance carrier of October 9, 2002, which is enclosed. And for malfeasance: the use of the City of Homedale’s property for the betterment of private parties, which is against state code.

“I saw someone in the City Shop and stopped to see what was going on,” Duryee stated. “I found Larry Bauer and another man and a green pickup in the shop... I asked Larry what was going on. He stated he was doing a brake job.

“I went home and got my camera, went back and confirmed the date with Larry on video. Larry then advised me that he had spoken with Ray Wolfe from I.C.R.M.P. He stated that he had done this forever. Larry advised the only thing he couldn’t work on in the shop was derby cars.

“The other man said why don’t you just get out of here and pointed towards the door. I advised I was the Mayor and had every right to be on City property.”

A roll call vote was taken on the recommendation and all four councilmen voted against the termination.



Frosty temperature

The thermometer is dressed in frost as temperatures hang around the 20-degree range this past week. (Jan Aman photo)



Painted flowers

Jack Frost has been busy these past weeks, painting these flowers with a winter coating of cold.

MHS first quarter honor roll released

Marsing High School announced its first quarter honor roll students last week. Students receiving a grade point average of 3.0-4.0 were named.

Highest honor students with a 4.0 GPA were Samantha Wilson, ninth grade, Nicole Gelinas and Mary Jo Usabel, 10th grade, Monica Bowers, Anthony Butler, Tami Downs, Pam Haines Cody Heller, Tyson Nielsen, and Jin-Young Park. Toni Bowers, Kirby Ray Cook, Philip Gibson, and Sayaka Shoji, 12th grade.

Students receiving a 3.75-3.99 GPA were: ninth grade Taryn Chenoweth, Johnathon Cossel, Charlene Eells, Jessica Elsberry, David Marcial, and Shea McClellin. Perry Gibson, and John Hill 10th grade. Yongmin (Chris) Kim, Friedrich Lutzke, Nicole E. Rimer, and Teresa Whitaker, 11th grade. Wendy Jimenez, Toby Meade, Maria Paramo, Gabriel Quebrado, Eva Smith, and Amanda Stewart, 12th grade.

Students receiving a 3.5-3.74, ninth grade were Donald Galligan, Daniel Ineck, Jose Antonio Moreno, Rafael C. Moreno, Jennifer M. Pfeifer, Kallie Roeser, Christina Ann Row, and Michael Tuckness. Tenth grade, Owen Morris, and Nancy Lisseth Zavala. Eleventh grade, Patrick Anderson, Matthew Berends, Kendra Giedd, Tamara Kenyon, Kristina Randolph, and Kyle Randolph.

Poison Creek Posse 4-H news

The Poison Creek Posse 4-H club elected new officers for the 2003-2004 4-H year.

Hilliary Williams was elected as the president, Alysha Baham was chosen as the vice president, Kinzie Reuck will be the club’s secretary, Ashley Hull is the treasurer, Becky Carter is the reporter, Garret Briggs and Justice Cook are the phone chairman, Deidrie Briggs will be in charge of refreshments and Bobby Carter is the new sergeant of arms.

The club’s next meeting will be held on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.

Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H Club

A general meeting will be held on January 26th, 7:30 P.M. at the home of Debbie King near Homedale.

This is a planning meeting for the 2004 4-H program, which offers horse, lamb and miscellaneous projects. For more information contact Jan Aman at 337-3149



Local dancers performed at the annual Caldwell Basque Charity Dance. Local boys Brett Ryska (kicking on left), Alex Mereness and Reece Landa (holding Nick Ryska overhead) and Zach Mereness (kicking on the rights side of photo). Photo by Gregg Garrett.



Homedale Basque dancer Kyler Landa shows his stuff. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

New plant available for restoring western rangelands

An important new plant is being made available for restoring rangelands and wildlife habitat in the Intermountain West.

After a decade-long scientific assessment and selection process, a native plant called Anatone blue bunch wheat grass is being released for commercial seed production through a cooperative effort of the University of Idaho, Utah State University, and the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Agriculture. Anatone blue bunch wheat grass may soon become one of the more important and widely used plants for restoring the sagebrush rangelands of the western United States.

Bluebunch wheat grass is one of the most common native grasses in western states including Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, and northern portions of Colorado, Nevada and Utah. However, landowners and land managers have long had difficulty reestablishing blue bunch wheat grass after wildfire or other land disturbance, especially at drier, lower elevations. Until now, landowners and managers

have had to rely primarily on introduced grasses, such as crested wheat grass, to revegetate vast areas that are especially vulnerable to being overtaken by flammable grasses, such as cheatgrass, and other invasive weeds.

Anatone blue bunch wheat grass could change that, says Mike Pellant, the Bureau of Land Management's Great Basin Restoration Coordinator. "This grass fills a gap for restoring rangelands," said Pellant. "Anatone is the first true blue bunch wheat grass available for large-scale use that is adapted to lower-elevation and drier sites. It germinates easily, grows quickly and withstands drought. It can compete with invasive weeds and it could help prevent cheatgrass from invading into and dominating an area."

Preventing dominance by cheatgrass is vital, said Pellant, because that's the best and most economical way to reduce the threat of wildfire to wildlife habitat, livestock forage and local communities. Across the West, millions of acres of rangeland have burned in recent years due in large part to the spread and

dominance of cheatgrass at lower elevations.

Pellant said other varieties of blue bunch wheat grass have been available commercially for several years, but they're adapted to areas of higher precipitation and have had difficulty competing with cheatgrass in drier areas. Instead, land managers have relied heavily on crested wheat grass to displace cheatgrass and rehabilitate these lower elevation rangelands.

"Crested wheat grass is a valuable plant and we'll still use it. But it originates from the steppes of central Asia and over the long-term it may not be as well adapted as native plants to our environment," Pellant said.

Rangeland scientists, led by Steve Monsen, a retired botanist with the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station, have been working for more than a decade to find and cultivate a native plant that could be used in restoring low-elevation rangelands. Anatone blue bunch wheat grass was originally collected from Asotin County in southeastern Washington. Test plantings of Anatone and

other plants were established in 1989 near Boise, Idaho and Nephi, Utah.

The collection, planting, evaluation, and ultimate selection and development of Anatone seed stock involved two universities, two states and three federal agencies. Scientists from the University of Idaho, Utah State University, Utah Department of Natural Resources, USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and USDI Bureau of Land Management have played key roles in this long-term cooperative effort.

The Anatone blue bunch wheat grass seed stock will be maintained by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Plant Materials Center at Aberdeen, Idaho. Commercial growers can request seed through the Utah Crop Improvement Association or the Idaho Foundation Seed Program.

Dan Ogle, an NRCS Plant Materials Specialist from Boise is involved in efforts to get Anatone blue bunch wheat grass into commercial production.

"We want to make the seed stock available to more growers in order to produce enough seed to meet the expected rising demand for this native grass," said Ogle. "Local seed growers will benefit economically by producing this product, while meeting the needs of private landowners and state and federal land managers. It's a win-win situation."

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Jan.22: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, pears, apple turnover, milk.

Jan.23: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich, fries/tots, apple, ranger cookie, milk.

Jan.26: Peanut butter/jelly sandwich or BBQ beef/bun, macaroni, green beans, applesauce, animal cookie, milk.

Jan.27: Sloppy Jo or hot dog, fries/tots, grapes, chocolate pudding cup, milk.

Jan.28: Chili or beef taco pie, roll, celery sticks, pears, fruit roll-up, milk.

Homedale Middle

Jan.22: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit, or salad bar, milk.

Jan.23: Lasagna, french bread, vegetable, fruit, or salad bar, milk.

Jan.26: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, fruit, or salad bar, milk.

Jan.27: Chicken or beef nuggets, vegetable, fruit, cinnamon roll, milk.

Jan.28: Pizza or french br. pizza, tossed salad, fruit, cookie, milk.

Homedale High

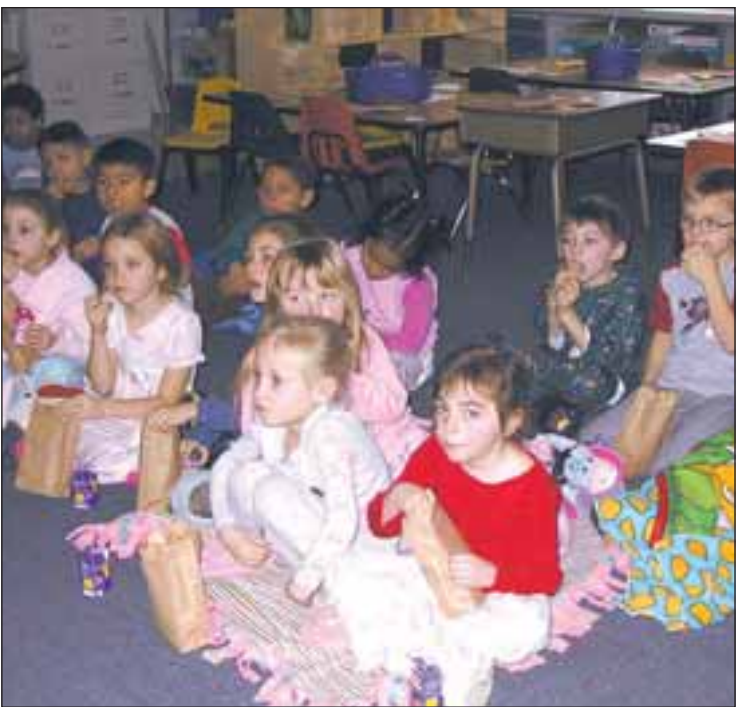
Jan.22: Chicken patty/bun or sandwich choice, fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Jan.23: Crispito/taco salad or rib-b-que/bun, corn, fruit, milk.

Jan.26: Pizza or fajita, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Jan.27: Country fried beef stk or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, hot roll, fruit milk.

Jan.28: Spaghetti or burrito, french bread, salad, fruit, milk.



Pooh’s birthday celebration
Kindergarten students in Mrs. Stansell’s class at Marsing Elementary School watch a movie starring Winnie-the-Pooh as part of a birthday celebration for the cartoon character ‘ author A.A. Milne. Students created puppets, painted Pooh’s ate popcorn and were able to bring their pillows and favorite nighttime attire for a slumber party during class.

Lady Raiders continue winning spree

Rimrock Lady Raiders continued its route for a district title with a 82-34 win over Cole Valley at Lake Hazel Middle School Saturday afternoon. The win brings Rimrock up to a 8-0-league record and a 15-0 overall score. Rimrock won a five-year trek with its first girls’ basketball title last year.

The Raiders defeated Horseshoe Bend 29-20 in last year’s final, ending three seasons of failure in the state semifinals. The Raiders have not lost a 1A Western Idaho Conference game since 2000.

Rimrock entered the season with a 24-game winning streak and has continued its dominance over non-conference and conference teams.

Against Cole Valley, Rimrock capitalized on 59 Cole Valley turnovers. Andrea Thomas scored 27 points for the Raiders and shot 11-of-12 from the free throw line.

Thomas also added seven steals and four assists.

Shannon Hipwell and Emily Chandler added 15 points each while Robynn Ridley and Annalise Field scored 11 and 10 points. Ridley also grabbed eight rebounds.

Rimrock led the Chargers 38-14 at the half.

Mustangs leap over Bulldogs in third quarter

The Jordan Valley girls’ basketball, after trailing in the first half, put together a strong third quarter attack Tuesday night to defeat the visiting McDermitt Bulldogs 34-25 in nonleague girls’ basketball action at Jordan Valley High School.

Down by three at the beginning of the third quarter - after allowing McDermitt to score six points in each of the first half quarters - the Mustangs took to the ball to the hoop for 16 points.

Jordan Valley also put their press to work in the third quarter, which helped hold the Bulldogs to five points.

At the top of the fourth quarter the Mustangs had finally taken a 25-17 lead and would remain in control of the game.

Outscoring McDermitt 9-8 in the fourth quarter clenched the victory for the Mustangs.

Anna Watkins and Bailey Kurshner led the Mustangs’ scorers with eight points followed by Angela Larson with seven points.

The win brings Jordan Valley to 6-6 overall and 1-3 in the Old Oregon League.

The Mustangs will stay home to welcome Praire City Saturday in Old Oregon League action.

Trojans place third in Magic Valley invitational mat meet

Homedale stomps McCall/Donnelly, slams Vale in tri-match

Out of 20 top ranking teams, the Homedale Trojan mat men placed third over Firth, Raft River and New Plymouth in the Magic Valley Invitational Friday and Saturday. The third place finish topped off a winning week for the Trojans after they stopped McCall-Donnelly 77-4 and Vale 57-13 in a hosted tri-match Thursday.

Jason Christoffersen, Jeremy Ensley and Stuart Miyasako won by forfeit over Vale Thursday and only lost three of 11 played matches.

Tyler Christoffersen, Ricco, Gonzalez and Erik Garcia won major decisions beating Vale wrestlers 13-3 in all three matches. Kyle Carson, Tomas Obregon, Joe Foster and Josh Jolley scored on pins in the 140, 152, 171, 189 and 215 pound classes. Leroy Atkins won by a 12-9 decision.

Brian Martinat lost a 4-11 match and Marcus Eby lost by pin.

“This was a good dual for us,” Trojan coach Toby Johnson said. “Everyone wrestled well. The scores were pretty close, battling back and forth in the light weights, but we really out powered the Vikings in the upper weights.”

The match of the night was at heavyweight with Garcia rebounding back from a 7-8 loss from Willy Maupin in New Plymouth last week with his 13-3 major decision win Thursday.

Homedale recorded forfeits in most of its matches with McCall and only lost one competition. Foster was overtaken by a major decision 1-14 at 189 pounds.

Miyasako won by pin at 125 pounds followed by teammates Tyler Christoffersen at 130 with a win by technical fall, 16-1. Kyle Carson won by pin at 152 pounds and Garcia topped the match with a win at 275 pounds.

“We wrestled very well,” Johnson said. “The Vandals just didn’t have very many kids to put on the mat.”

Homedale improved to 4-0 in duals with the win.

Homedale finished with 149 points behind Challis with 193.5 in second and Malad with 207 for first place. Rival team Parma placed seventh with 97.5 team points.

Ensley went home with Homedale’s only gold medal winning first place at 112 pounds ahead of Lex Firth of Malad. Jeremy Butts from Challis won a gold at 125 pounds over Tyler Christoffersen of Homedale who placed second.

Eby also finished second at 135 pounds behind Brody Erikson from Raft River. Homedale’s final top three placer was Garcia at 275 pounds who placed second behind Chris Holsclaw from Parma.

Ensley won a rematch of his state title match, beating Firth with a 2-1 decision.

“The boys did a great job,” Johnson said. “Malad and Challis are both pretty loaded. It was a good performance. We wrestled with a lot of heart. We made some mistakes and got some bad breaks here and there. I had several kids close to placing.”

Jolley placed fifth and Miyasako lost by injury default in his match for fifth and sixth place.

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- 1 can (14 ounces) Nestlé Carnation Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup coarsely chopped peanuts

PREHEAT oven to 350°F.

FOR CRUST: COMBINE graham cracker crumbs, butter and sugar in medium bowl; press onto bottom of ungreased 13 x 9-inch baking pan.

FOR TOPPING: MICROWAVE 1 cup morsels, sweetened condensed milk and vanilla extract in medium, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100%) power 1 minute; stir. Microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, stirring until smooth. Pour evenly over crust. Top with nuts and remaining morsels.

BAKE 20 to 25 minutes or until edges are bubbly. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

Nutrition per serving: 260 cal; 32 g carb; 4 g pro; 12 g fat (6 g sat. fat, 3 g mono. fat); 10 mg cholesterol; 190 mg sodium

Toll House Party Mix

Makes about 8 servings

- 2 cups toasted cereal squares
- 2 cups small pretzel twists
- 1 cup dry-roasted peanuts
- 1 cup (about 20) caramels, unwrapped and coarsely chopped
- 1 3/4 cups (11.5-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels

SPRAY 13 x 9-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

COMBINE cereal, pretzels, peanuts and caramels in large bowl.

MICROWAVE morsels in medium, microwave-safe bowl on MEDIUM-HIGH (70%) power 1 minute; stir. Morsels may retain some of their shape. If necessary, microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, stirring until melted. Pour over cereal mixture; stir to coat evenly.

SPREAD mixture into prepared baking pan; cool 30 to 45 minutes or until firm. Break into bite-size pieces.

Nutrition per serving: 450 cal; 59 g carb; 7 g pro; 24 g fat (10 g sat. fat, 5 g mono. fat); 10 mg cholesterol; 2 g fiber; 380 mg sodium

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- 2 cups creamy peanut butter (not all-natural)
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 3 3/4 cups (16-ounce box) powdered sugar
- 2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
- 2 tablespoons vegetable shortening

LINE baking sheets with wax paper.

BEAT peanut butter and butter in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in powdered sugar until mixture holds together and is moistened. Shape into 1-inch balls; place on prepared baking sheets. Freeze 1 hour.

MELT morsels and shortening in medium, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100%) power 1 minute; stir. Morsels may retain some of their shape. If necessary, microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, stirring until melted.

DIP peanut butter centers into melted chocolate using toothpick, leaving small portion of center uncovered. Shake off excess chocolate and scrape bottom of candy on side of bowl. Return to baking sheets; refrigerate until chocolate is set. Store in covered container in refrigerator.

Nutrition per serving: 100 cal; 11 g carb; 2 g pro; 6 g fat (2 g sat. fat, 2.5 g mono. fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 1 g fiber; 40 mg sodium

Easy Peanut Butter Chocolate Cheesecake Pie

Makes 8 servings

- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons chopped unsalted peanuts, divided
- 1 prepared 9-inch (6 ounces) chocolate crumb crust
- 2 tablespoons caramel topping, divided
- 1 2/3 cups (11-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Peanut Butter & Milk Chocolate Morsels
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 cups frozen nondairy whipped topping, thawed

SPRINKLE 1/4 cup peanuts onto bottom of pie crust. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon caramel topping.

COMBINE morsels and milk in medium, uncovered microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on MEDIUM-HIGH (70%) power 45 seconds; stir. Morsels may retain some of their shape. If necessary, microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, stirring just until melted.

BEAT cream cheese and sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in chocolate mixture. Add whipped topping and stir vigorously until smooth. Spoon into prepared pie crust and swirl top. Sprinkle with remaining peanuts and drizzle with remaining caramel topping. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Nutrition per serving: 280 cal; 9 g carb; 5 g pro; 20 g fat (9 g sat. fat, 7 g mono. fat); 30 mg cholesterol; 230 mg sodium

Chunky Chocolate Chip Peanut Butter Cookies

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped peanuts

PREHEAT oven to 375°F.

COMBINE flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar and peanut butter in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in egg and vanilla extract. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels and peanuts.

DROP dough by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased baking sheets. Press down slightly to flatten into 2-inch circles.

BAKE 7 to 10 minutes or until edges are set but centers are still soft. Cool on baking sheets 4 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Nutrition per serving: 150 cal; 16 g carb; 3 g pro; 9 g fat (4.5 g sat. fat, 3.5 g mono. fat); 15 mg cholesterol; 2 g fiber; 115 mg sodium

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 21, 1954

Seniors present all-girl class play

A small but enthusiastic group of people attended the showing of Homedale high school’s senior class play, “Here She Comes”, presented in the gymnasium on Tuesday evening.

With a cast composed entirely of girls, the seniors did a nice job in presenting the three-act comedy written by Jean Lee Latham. Under the capable direction of Donald Richert, a creditable performance was rendered by each member of the cast.

The cast included: Peggy Morrison, Evie Olsen, Frances Kushlan, Eleanor Lemrick, Bonnie Parker, Bonita Powell, Shirley Rowen, Gay Babbitt, Ruth Burton, Nancy Weaver, Jean Porter and Shirley Tibbett.

During the first act intermission a clever pantomime skit was put on by Henry Leavitt and Vee Davenport.

Owyhee Wranglers elect officers

The January meeting of the Owyhee Wranglers was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Regan Sunday night, January 17.

Officers chosen to serve for the year were.

Frank Regan, president; Monty Worden, vice president; Irene Rencher, secretary; Edwena Regan, treasurer.

Plans were made for the season’s activities, after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Regan.

The next regular meeting will be early in March. The exact time and place will be announced later.

Local guard boy makes good

Cpl. Richard Scherer returned home Saturday after attending transportation school at Ft. Eustice, VA. Scherer did outstanding work in school and lacked .2 of a point from being high man in the class of 17 who took the course. Out of the 17 men, only 11 completed training.

High school news

The 9 weeks and semester test are finally over and the grade cards were passed out on Wednesday. Each pupil will get a card from each class he attends. The honor roll will be made up as soon as all grades are recorded in the office.

The adult council held a meeting on the evening of Jan. 19, to finish their plans for a community dinner. The dinner will be held on February 12. The Kiwanis and the Jaycees will take over the advertising and ticket selling. The National Guard will cook and serve the dinner. The council planned the menu and appointed various committees.

People put on these committees are Mrs. Key, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Upham, Mrs. Yost, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Kushlan, Mrs. Taggart and Mr. Tucker.

It is hoped that many will turn out to help make a success of this dinner.

The Key Club has been accepted as an organization in the school.

The FFA is going to sponsor a dance after the Wilder game.

From now on the student body is to get 35 percent of the profit made on all concessions.

Wednesday morning Mr. Les Philmer presented his juggling act to the high school students. He did many different tricks which were all enjoyed by the audience. When he gave Don Caler a lesson in juggling balls. After that, he gave Melvin Tucker, Dewey Henshaw, Norman Leslie, Myrna Friel, Sally Phillips, Sandy Corbett and Mr. Ferguson lessons on riding a pogo stick.

Marsing

Mr. and Mrs. James Young, Mr. and Mrs. Bob White of Caldwell, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Kearns of Wilder were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Newton were Boise visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Simpkins and family returned to Quincy, Wash., Wednesday of last week after Mr. Simpkins from the Boise Veterans hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baalson were Saturday night visitors and guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Larsen.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Baalson Friday evening were Mrs. Kenny Halloway and two children and Mrs. Nannie Kershner, Mrs. Halloway’s mother.

50 years ago

January 18, 1979

City needs prosecutor

The search for a new city prosecutor was one of the main items of discussion and the regular January meeting of the Homedale City Council January 10.

According to Homedale Police Chief Allen Bidwell, in the past, the Owyhee County prosecutor has handled prosecutions for the city. Recently, however, newly elected prosecutor Barry Wood informed the city he would not handle Homedale cases.

According to Bidwell, unless a new prosecutor can be found soon, it will be impossible to prosecute law violators.

Unusual weather triggers flood

The Winter of ‘79 may well go down in the books as one of the worst in recent record if the weather trend that began January 1 continues.

Sub-zero temperatures hit southwestern Idaho, as well as most of the rest of the state, during the first week in January. When the weather did begin to warm up, area residents received another surprise.

January 10 the area was hit with the heaviest snowfall since at least 1972. By early afternoon on Wednesday, area schools were shutting down in an attempt to get students home before the roads became impassible. Almost all area schools, including Homedale and Marsing were closed Thursday and Friday. Homedale reopened on Monday, but Marsing remained closed.

Wednesday evening was a bad time for Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office personnel as they attempted to keep traffic moving on US 95 between Marsing and Jordan Valley, Ore. The road was closed for approximately three hours Wednesday after several large trucks slipped off the roadway. Deputies and Posse members were stationed at the bottom and top of Squaw Creek Grade to make sure vehicles chained up before attempted the hill.

Thursday afternoon things went from bad to worse. Temperatures soared to the high 40s in the mountains, causing the snow pack to melt rapidly. Dozens of area streams went over their banks, flooding property and cutting roads.

Thursday afternoon, Highway 78 between Marsing and Murphy was closed for several hours when Reynolds Creek went over the road. Flooding was also reported at Wildcat Canyon and on the Hardtrigger-Ratsnest Road, as well as in the Oreana and Reynolds areas.

In Homedale-Marsing area, Poison Creek, Jump Creek and Succor Creek all left their banks. Several Roads crossing Jump Creek were cut by high water. On Succor Creek, the Sage Road bridge west of Homedale was carried away by high water and several Homedale residences near the mouth of the stream were cut off or flooded. Succor Creek crested at about 11:15 Thursday evening. Homedale Police, Owyhee County Sheriff’s personnel and Highway Department crews stood by at the Highway 19 bridge west of town to clear any obstructions that might develop.

The ION was closed again Thursday evening due to rocks on the road and flooding in the Jordan Valley area. At one point, the main street of Jordan Valley was under water and flooding was also reported in the Rome area.

Chronicle wins awards

The Owyhee Chronicle brought home two awards from the newspaper competition at the Annual Winter Meeting of the Idaho Newspaper Association, held last week in Boise.

The Chronicle collected a second place in the general excellence category and second in the best feature photo competition.

Chronicle Publisher Joe Aman was honored at the Saturday evening awards banquet as outgoing president of INA.

Takasugi on ISU dean’s list

David Takasugi, a graduate of Homedale high school, has been named to the College of Business Dean’s List at Idaho State University for the first semester. Takasugi is one of 60 students named to the list.

138 years ago

January 20, 1866

MINT MANIA. Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Nevada, have all got it seriously-and, excepting the latter, all have it in its most malignant character. The Post of December, has this declaration: “If facts and figures are not set forth this session of Congress to show that neither Oregon nor Idaho, but Montana, should have the Mint, then we will believe our Delegate derelict of duty.” So far as Oregon is concerned, she needs none; but if the Montana Delegate attempts to show more necessity for a Mint in Montana Territory than in Idaho Territory, he’ll fail, or succeed in showing a falsehood. Every argument that will favor a Mint in Montana will in Idaho. There is no place in America that can so consistently ask the construction of a Mint as Idaho. Our lodges are known to be a numerous and far richer than any others. We are further from navigable waters with as distant prospect of a railroad. Nevada will have the Pacific Railroad running to its center before their Mint can be completed-though it will probably be soon commenced. Utah has as much need of a Mint as a puny man has of two or more lusty wives, and Oregon as much as Owyhee needs more Indians. We don’t intend to offer any arguments now why Idaho should be preferred to all other places in the erection of a Mint, but to notice the mania. Editors and men generally talk of getting the government to furnish their localities a Mint with as much assurance and glibness as if they believed Congress had a million or so lands and were seeking Mint sites. Mints are necessary adjuncts to rich mining sections far from commercial centers or thoroughfares, and on these grounds Idaho presents her claims with double the force of any other State or Territory new mints.

WANTED-A bank in Owyhee. Any one of the well known and responsible banking houses of California could open a branch bank in Owyhee to their profit and the great benefit of our community. There is now an immense business done by mining and milling companies depositing their funds in the coast cities and New York, and selling drafts at from 1 to 8 per cent. Premium. Even this accommodates the public more than it benefits the companies. Coin is sold at 10 percent premium for clean Bannock dust-and hardly obtainable at any price. While this species of buying, selling and exchanging dust, bars, coin, currency &c, goes on, we may expect high rates of exchange, a miserable circulating drum of unknown value to most people, and a general demoralization in financial affairs. A well conducted, sound bank is the only things that will suppress the circulation of gold dust at rates far above its real value. By this means alone can we expect the much reeled monetary reform. A bank would establish the buying rate upon dust, bars and legal tender notes, and business transactions would be adapted to them. The establishment of a bank would be the precursor of an early and general use of coin. Dust would become an article of merchandises as it should; it would be bought at its full value, less the cost of transaction. The laborer would receive his pay in coin as he deserves, and goods be sold 20 percent cheaper than at present. To attempt to change or regulate the current rates of receiving and paying out dust by a public meeting, would scarcely be as successful as an attempt to find virtue and honest in politicians. Evils that can’t be cured must be endured; and until a well managed bank is established, the present currency evil must be endured willingly or unwillingly.

WEATHER during the week-stormy. Not very cold, and not much snow but the heavy winds made lively use of what was down. Mild at last accounts. Late dates put the mercury 35° below zero, in Helens, for several days. As Forbes would say, those figures take ours in about twice and a half. Message don’t give us room to blow this week.

PRIVATE letters from Star City, Nevada, inform us that large stocks of goods are there waiting the first dawn of Spring to be shipped to Owyhee. The owners are sensible traders. They could nowhere find so ready sale and high prices. The road is good, conveniences abundant and military protection guaranteed. The road to the Columbia river is the worst in the United States till June or July-never good.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

Times letter to the editor

Like most livestock producers, when I see a major magazine is doing a feature story on food or diets, I brace myself. Anyone old enough to remember the anti-red meat 'eighties', is still gun shy. But things have changed.

The public's perception that red meat is 'bad for you' has been ameliorated in large part by two factors. No. 1, the continuing steadfast research and promotion funded by the Beef Check Off, and No. 2, the more recent acceptance of the Atkins' 'all meat - all fat' diet. So when I saw the cover story of Time Magazine last fall promoting, 'The Secrets of Eating Smarter', I prepared myself for another assault on modern agriculture. But...it was okay.

I mean, nobody praised American farmers, agribusiness, or immigrant labor for the abundance, variety, safety, wholesomeness and relative low cost of our food supply. And there were enough politically correct pot shots to balance out those stubborn facts that won't go away. But they concluded that moderation in portions and balance is the right way to eat. Wow! What a concept.

Is anyone surprised that common sense reared its ugly head in the story? Yes, many. All those who continue to depend on the Chicken Little threats, headline scares and infomercials to sell, and I do mean sell, their health food-exercise-diet gimmicks, were snobbily aghast. They have been given credibility for years by those media who prefer a '*chewing fingernails causes cancer!*' headline, to a nutritionist, dietician, legitimate authority or everyday housewife. I add the housewife, because she can usually see through fringe loonies quicker than the FDA, Fox News or the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The letters-to-the-editor the following week regarding the story contained typical responses from those whose axe had been gored including this one:

"I was surprised that animal meat and other animal products were included in your report on healthy eating. The vegan diet is the most healthful one there is. Your body can thrive on the bounty of fresh fruits, vegetables, grains, legumes and soy. Going vegan is the best way."

Laura Frisk
Encinitas, Calif.

I wrote my own letter-to-the-editor:

"In response to Ms. Frisk's letter to the editor expressing 'surprise' that meat was included in Time's report on healthy eating, then promoting her vegan diet, as the 'most healthful,' The real surprise is that Time will print letters like hers. In her defense, there are nice people who still believe the earth is flat and Communism was a good thing. But humans have two legs, a brain and are omnivorous.

Oh, and the earth is round.

Baxter Black
Benson, Arizona

Joe Aman

Editor's notebook

Change is good



With the new administration now in power at Homedale City Hall, we expect some changes in the way city affairs are handled.

Already we've seen some changes: new faces in the clerk's office, and the elimination of the pseudo position of Public Works Director. (With this position eliminated, the city will save some \$26,000+ per year.)

This same person was collecting another \$13,000+ annually as sort of a retainer for being city engineer. We call it a retainer, because additional fees were paid for engineering services on the projects where engineering was required.

Taxpayers of the city have been gouged deeply by expenses on the bridge waterline crossing (including a \$30,000 engineering fee). They have paid royally for the proposed new water tank, including - but not limited to - more than \$10,000 for a "study" of a new site, a plan later abandoned.

A \$4,000 budget item was approved for a

reader board at city hall. Why this is a necessary expense for the city is bewildering. We hope the new mayor and council will put a stop to this before it's built. There's lots of better places this money could be used.

One change we urge the new command to make is that of salaries. All services salaries are still coming out of dedicated funds. Parks and recreation salaries are being paid out of water, sewer, irrigation, and street monies. This is illegal. Parks and rec expenses are a part of the general fund, which is generated by tax dollars. The dedicated funds are fee-generated monies, restricted by law to be used for their specific purposes.

We suspect that more waste will be identified as the new administration digs through the records, and studies the expenses of the past.

We look forward to a more responsible and accountable city operation.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



One of the perks of my job producing books about Western history is that I have had the opportunity to meet some well known writers -- men and women who were my idols long before I got in the business. Now I count some of those authors as friends. And probably my best friend in that group is Max Evans.

Max Evans may not be a household word in general literature but anyone who is a fan of the western story is acquainted with his work. Max wrote "The Rounders" which became a major motion picture. More recently, his novel "The Hi Lo Country" was put on the screen. A lot of his other books and short stories have made it to film. Max's skill has been recognized by his peers in the Western Writers of America organization. Recently, they named him one of the greatest living western authors.

Max's stories feel genuine because he was a cowboy before he was a writer. He grew up in the hardscrabble country of West Texas and New Mexico. After landing in the first wave on Normandy's Omaha Beach in World War II, he came home and decided to be an artist. Although his work wasn't bad (his drawings from that period fetch big bucks today) he eventually decided to be a writer. And like all good writers, he wrote about what he knew best--the people of the Southwest.

I hadn't heard from Max for a while, so last week I gave him a call at his home in Albuquerque. He said he was in the process of cleaning up his office. He has been working on that project for about as long as I have know him, which leads me to believe he's not working too hard at it. He keeps getting distracted by friends who drop by to go gold prospecting or hunting or just want to talk. Or he takes off to see an old World War II buddy. A man has to have his priorities and cleaning up the office is way down Max's list.

Two other pieces of news Max shared was that he is working on a biography of Hollywood director Sam Peckinpah. Peckinpah's 1969 film "The Wild Bunch," set a new standard for onscreen violence and brutality. But today it is consider one of the top ten Westerns ever made.

There are few people better qualified to tell the late Peckinpah's story than Max. He spent some time living in California, working with the director and roaming with an offscreen "Wild Bunch" that included Peckinpah and actors Lee Marvin and Brian Keith. From what Max has told me, I believe that foursome could have held it's own at a 1970s Owyhee County Cattlemen's Convention or on Saturday night at Cascade's old Valley Club.

The other revelation from Max was that a book is being released about his life. His biography may already be in bookstores. It should be interesting reading, if the stories I've heard over the past several years are any indication.

Max admitted there were a couple of things that bothered him about his biography. The first is it's unnerving to read someone else's interpretation of your life -- especially if you are a writer, too. He said the thing that disappointed him the most, however, was that the author left out a lot of the stuff Max told him about friends he had made over the years.

"I can understand why the writer left out most of the stuff about your friends," I told Max. "After all, the story is supposed to be about your life, not theirs."

"Pardner," Max replied ("Pardner" is one of his favorite non-four-letter words). "What sort of life does a man have without friends? A man's life is the story of his experiences with his friends."

When you think about it, Max is exactly right. I guess that's why some people are great writers and the rest of us aren't.

Commentary

Accuracy in media

Secrets of Howard Dean revealed

Cliff Kincaid, Editor of the AIM Report.

The sister of a murdered Vermonter says that Howard Dean, who now claims to support the death penalty, “never gave us any support” when her family sought the death penalty for the killer and “couldn’t get us out of his office quickly enough when we tried to talk to him about it.” Barbara Tuttle’s sister, 53-year-old Teresca King, was abducted from Vermont and brutally murdered on November 27, 2000. King was one of three people killed by a drug-crazed duo. Then-Vermont Governor Dean “was of no assistance to us at all,” Tuttle says.

Tuttle’s story exposes Dean’s current pro-death penalty stance as a fraud designed to make him look tough while running for president.

The media portray Dean as a centrist or even a conservative because of his alleged support for the death penalty. But he recently reverted to old form when he said that Osama bin Laden, acknowledged architect of the terrorist mass murder of almost 3,000 people on American soil, should not be judged guilty in advance of a trial. Dean quickly reversed himself, declaring bin Laden guilty and deserving capital punishment.

Despite his alleged support for the death penalty, liberals opposed to capital punishment confirm that Dean never did anything to bring it back to the state. Leslie Williams of the ACLU of Vermont told me, “Howard Dean never tried to reinstate the death penalty while he was governor of Vermont...” Joseph Gainza, the Vermont Program Coordinator of the American Friends Service Committee, said that, “He did nothing to get it in Vermont.” Gainza said that Dean started “rethinking” his position when “he was giving serious thought to running for president.”

Gainza said that there was a triple murder in the state that caused some legislators to introduce a bill to reinstate the death penalty in Vermont. “We organized against it and Dean did nothing to support it and it died in committee, much to my relief,” he explained.

That triple murder involved Teresca King, who was kidnapped by Donald Fell and Robert Lee as she was parking her car and getting ready to go to work in Rutland, Vermont. Fell and Lee, reportedly

high on crack cocaine, had already killed two other people, including Fell’s mother, in Vermont. They took King and her car, driving to New York before they mercilessly beat King to death. Fell confessed that they repeatedly kicked her in the head and then crushed her face with a rock.

Dean claims to have started changing his views on the death penalty after the 1993 murder in California of 13-year-old Polly Klaas. Asked if there was a Vermont case where the death penalty was warranted, Dean responded, “probably for the murder of Paulette Crickmore.” This 15-year-old girl was abducted and murdered in 1986 by a convicted sex offender, Edwin Towne, who shot her in the head three times.

Still, there is no record of Dean ever lifting a finger to seek the death penalty in any case. Tuttle said that her family, after writing Dean and requesting and getting a meeting, asked him to support the death penalty. She said his response was that it wouldn’t get through the legislature.

Dean’s position currently is that he supports the death penalty in limited circumstances for extreme and heinous crimes, such as the murder of a child or a police officer. That means that, in Howard Dean’s world, the killers of Teresca King do not deserve capital punishment.

Tuttle said that, fortunately, Attorney General John Ashcroft intervened in the case because the kidnapping and carjacking across state lines made it a federal crime. Ashcroft ordered the U.S. Attorney to seek the death penalty for Fell (Lee hanged himself in jail).

Even though Fell confessed, no trial in the case has yet been held because his taxpayer-funded “public defender” has challenged the use of the death penalty in the federal courts. The so-called “Donny Fell motion,” which has made him a media celebrity and poster boy for the anti-death penalty crowd, led William K. Sessions III, the Bill Clinton-appointed Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont, to rule that the federal death penalty statute doesn’t give criminal defendants enough rights to question witnesses. This ruling is now on appeal.

“The justice system is flawed,” says Tuttle. “There is no justice for the victims. The defendants are the ones who have all the rights.”

But don’t bother telling that to Howard Dean. He’s not listening.

Farm Bureau

Rein in the endangered species act

By John Thompson, Director of Information

Arguably the biggest threat to agriculture interests in the West is the Endangered Species Act.

Signed into law in 1972, the ESA’s original purpose was to protect such species as the bald eagle and the manatee. Subsequent reauthorizations have expanded the scope of the act to the extent where over 1,200 species are now protected under federal law. In spite of several examples of significant recovery of various species – including wolves in the northernRockies - very few of those animals have ever been removed or down-listed from endangered to threatened. Currently, and in spite of astounding population gains, environmental groups have filed lawsuits to block U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service efforts to down-list wolves from endangered to threatened.

When a landowner loses the use of land under the ESA, that loss is not compensated by the government. This is unfortunate and provides no incentive for landowners to help recover populations of endangered plants and animals.

Representative Richard Pombo, R-Calif., and several other western congressmen have been fighting for ESA reform for the past ten years. Many of them believe the act produces more lawsuits and property disputes than it provides protection for wildlife.

A shining example of this problem exists north of Challis where federal agency officials are attempting to recover bull trout populations in several small streams. A lawsuit filed by the Western Watersheds Project and ruled on by Judge Lynn Winmill has taken away water rights on a ranch owned by Ward and Clay Jones. The Jones family has drawn a small amount of water fromMorgan Creek for the past 50 years to irrigate a pasture where hay is grown to feed their cattle. Although no bull trout have ever been found in the diversion ditch and there is no documented proof that the diversion ever harmed a bull trout, the taking has significantly reduced the amount of hay the ranch can produce causing a serious economic burden. The Jones family is considering selling the land to a developer.

This is a classic example of the ESA being used as a tool to bludgeon ruralAmerica. If abuse of the ESA turns the head ofMorgan Creek into a golf course ringed with summer homes will this create a better environment for bull trout?

Farm Bureau supports reasonable reform of the ESA to provide landowners with incentives to help endangered plants and animals. Comprehensive reform of the ESA should include scientific peer review of ESA decisions, compensation for landowners for any reductions in property values, elimination of listing based on subspecies, distinct populations, or isolated populations of species plentiful in other areas and cost benefit economic analysis performed prior to listing.

Preserving endangered species is certainly a worthy cause and an important societal issue. Private landowners support significant populations of all kinds of plants and animals but theyshouldn’t be forced to bear the expense of saving species alone.

Letter to the editor

Thanks extended to Senior Center

We want to thank the Homedale Senior Citizens for caring enough to allow the alcohol anonymous group to meet in their building.

This organization performs a valuable service to veterans and many individuals of this community. We applaud you for opening your doors to the A.A.

For over eight years the A.A. group has been meeting in the American Legion Post 32 Hall in Homedale. The rent was always paid and any requests to change, or help us they always accommodate us gladly and even helped us fix the roof when it leaked.

Suddenly a few, however, the new legion

leadership closed their doors to A.A.

As members of the old leadership, we are upset and ashamed. Voting and decisions and actions are taken by the new leadership are not always done by a group at the meeting time, only a few decide what is done.

The legion in the past has helped in the community projects. I know the majority of the members do not know what is going on. Sorry A.A.

Not all of us are to blame. I can’t understand why they would want to kick A.A. out. Because some of them also should be going to meetings themselves.

Thank you seniors for not allowing the A.A. to become homeless victims.

Sadly
Paul and Donna Fisher

Public notices

NOTICE OF ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 3, 2004 at DAVID JONES RESIDENTS in Bruneau, Owyhee County, Idaho, as election will be held for the election of three commissioners of the Bruneau Cemetery district, which election will be open from 8 o'clock of said day. One commissioner will be elected for a three-year term. One commissioner will be elected for two-year term. One commissioner will be elected for a one-year term. Any person residing in the above named district and who possess all qualifications of an elector under the General Laws of Idaho is entitled to vote at this election. In order to nominate a candidate so his name will appear on the ballot, nominating papers must be presented to the secretary of the district not later than 5 o'clock P.M. January 9, 2004 signed by not less than five nor more than ten qualified electors of the district. Dated this 3td day of December 2003. David H. Jones, Secretary Bruneau Cemetery District 1/21,28/04

HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below. Description of property to be sold is as follows: 1988 Ford School Bus, VIN 1FDNB0K7JVA42496 Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$1,050.00 (the appraised value). The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on February 9, 2004 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered. The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates of January 21, 2004 and February 9, 2004. Faith K. Olsen Assistant Clerk 1/21,28/04

NOTICE
The Southwest District Board of Health will hold a **Board Meeting** on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Southwest District Health, Room 200, 920 Main Street, Caldwell, Idaho. 1/21/04

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NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. SP-03-01973M IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: Roean Henry Handke A Petition by Roean Henry Handke born on 08/07/41 in Camas, State of Washington now residing at 912 Molar Lane, Marsing, proposing a change in name to Roean Henry Bush has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being change to birth name. The petitioner's father has died and the names and addresses of the petitioner's near relatives are: Stella J. Bush, PO Box 238, Marsing, ID 83639 Such petition will be heard at 10:30 o'clock a.m. on February 4, 2004, in courtroom at Homedale at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name. WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 24th day of December, 2003. CHARLOTTE SHERBURN, Clerk of the District Court By /s/Jan Fink, Deputy Clerk. 12/31/03-01/7,14,21/04

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. SP-02-01784 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
In the Matter of the Estate of ILA SUSAN HARRIS, Deceased. TO: All Parties in Interest: YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that First and Final Account, Petition for Settlement and Distribution of Interstate Estate by the Personal Representative will be called up for hearing before the above-entitled Court at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, before the Honorable Thomas J. Ryan, Magistrate Judge, on Monday, the 23rd day of February, 2004 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. of said day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Dated this 6 day of January, 2004. MARCUS, MERRICK, CHRISTIAN AND HARDEE, L.L.P. By Craig Marcus Attorneys for Personal Representative 1/14,21,28/04

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 02-EO-33882
Notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Insurance, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on April 12, 2004, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and per-

sonal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit: Lot 24 and 25 in Block 60 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Official Plat thereof, filed August 9, 1911, as No. 7284 on file in the Office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 18 W Owyhee St, Homedale, ID 83628, 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 Terri L. Hurley and Michael A. Hurley, wife and husband, as Grantor, to Alliance Title & Escrow, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Equity One, Inc., as Beneficiary, dated 1/5/2001, recorded 1/8/2001, under Instrument No. 234765, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA as Trustee f/k/a The Chase Manhattan Bank as Trustee for the benefit of Equity One ABS, Inc. Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2001-1. 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 1/5/2001, the monthly payment which became due on 9/9/2002 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of December 3, 2003 Delinquent Payments from September 09, 2002 15 payments at \$677.45 each \$10,161.75 (09-09-02 through 12-03-03) Late Charges: \$745.14 Beneficiary Advances: \$0.00 Suspense Credit: -\$350.55 Total: \$10,556.34 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 \$69,270.90, together with interest thereon at 11.250% per annum from 8/9/2002, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to b heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. Dated: December 03, 2003. **Fidelity National Title Insurance, Trustee** By A Fragassi, AVP c/o Regional Trustee Services Corporation, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: http://www.rtrustee.com ASAP571117 12/31/03-01/07/14/21/04

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Wednesday, the 21st day of April, 2004, at the hour of 10:00, o'clock a.m. of said day (recognized local time), at Owyhee County Courthouse located at HWY 78, Murphy, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Michael L. Schindele, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of the sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: See Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part of. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 5015 East Ustick #180, Caldwell, ID 83605 may sometimes be associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by LeRoy Earl Babcock and Barbara Shay Babcock, husband and wife, as Grantor(s), to Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, as Trustee, Michael L. Schindele, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of American General Finance, Inc., as Beneficiary, said Deed of Trust dated August 13, 1997, and recorded August 15, 1997, as Instrument No. 222562, Mortgage Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note dated August 13, 1997, the monthly payments for principal, interest and impounds of \$984.87, for the month(s) of July 10, 2003, through the current month and year, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement with all accrued interest, late charges and expenses. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$82,578.83, plus accruing interest. All delinquent payments are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED this 19 day of December, 2003. MICHAEL L. SCHINDELE Successor Trustee P.O. Box 1990

Boise, Idaho 83701 Telephone: (208) 342-2241 EXHIBIT A A part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (N1/4 corner) said corner monumented with an aluminum capped monument; thence South 0° 35' 42" East, a distance of 968.43 feet along the Easterly boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to a point on the centerline of an existing field ditch, said point monumented with a 5/8 inch diameter iron pine; thence North 81° 12' 40" West, a distance of 629.60 feet along the centerline of said existing field ditch to a 5/8 inch diameter iron pin; thence North 0° 35' 42" West, a distance of 301.42 feet parallel with the Easterly boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to a point on the centerline of an existing ditch, said point witnessed with 5/8 inch iron pin 10 feet Southerly; thence South 77° 59' 35" East, a distance of 575.03 feet along the centerline of said ditch to a point witnessed with a 5/8 inch iron pin 10 feet Northerly; thence North 0° 35' 42" West, a distance of 690.07 feet parallel with the Easterly boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to a point on the Northerly boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said point monumented with a PK nail and washer; thence North 89° 39' 40" East, a distance of 60.00 feet along the Northerly boundary of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO a non-exclusive road easement lying 30.00 feet on each side of the following described centerline; COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (N1/4 corner); thence South 89° 39' 10" West a distance of 30.00 feet to the BEGINNING POINT of said road easement; thence South 0° 35' 42" North a distance of 963.60 feet along the centerline of said road easement to a point on the Southerly boundary of the above described parcel, said point being the TERMINUS POINT of said road easement. 12/31/03-1/7,14,21/04

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
CASE NO. CV 03-03961
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

WESTERN UNITED LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

Vs.
BARLOW, KEVIN GEE AND SHAREE ANN BARLOW, et al., Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution pursuant to the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on the December 24, 2003, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff and against the Defendants, LEOTA M. DAY, CHARLES E. DAY, and MARIE GONZALEZ, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell at public auction the property described in said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and costs.

The property directed to be sold is situated in OWYHEE County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows:

Lot 19, Block 70, AMENDED TOWNSITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho More commonly known as:

6 N. MAIN STREET, HOMEDALE, ID 83628

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 29th day of January, 2004, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy,

20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, 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 Writ of Execution pursuant to the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure as set out in said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure to the Plaintiff upon credit bid or highest bidder therefore for cash in currency of the United States of America.

That said real property is subject to redemption from the purchaser within six months after the sale by the Plaintiff or other redemptioner pursuant to Idaho Code § 11-402.

Parties desiring further information regarding the location of the real property described herein should contact: Holger Uhl, NEAL & UHL, PLLC, 1101W. River Street, Suite 110, P.O. Box 1926, Boise, ID 83701, telephone number (208) 343-5931 and facsimile number (208) 343-5807.

DATED this 9th day of January, 2004.

SHERIFF, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

By: /s/R. Freund
1/14,21,28/04

OWYHEECOUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2004
OWYHEECOUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner Harold Tolmie, Commissioner Dick Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Salove, Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, Treasurer Barbara Wright, and Jim Desmond.

The Board moved to amend the agenda to include the Treasurer's Quarterly Report, and a grant request for the Probation Department.

The Board discussed the Murphy dumpsters. The gate is to be locked on Sunday's and all holidays.

The Board approved the Quarterly Report submitted by Barbara Wright.

The Board approved the purchase of a used copier for Planning and Zoning.

The Board met with Ed Yarbrough on hiring outside legal council for civil issues. Mr. Yarbrough had no objection.

The Board approved the Retention of Funds for the vessel account.

The Board approved payment of all outstanding bills from the following funds; Current Expense 42,275; Road & Bridge 4,721; District Court 3,209; Probation 1,780; Health District 4,194; Historical Society 231; Indigent & Charity 773; Revaluation 424; Solid Waste 205; Weed 58; 911-1,864

The Board moved to approve the minutes for December 22, 2003.

The Board took the following action on Indigent & Charity Cases presented. I.C. Case No. 03-51 lien approved I.C. Case No. 03-39 Board approved payment of medical bills with lien placed and reimbursement agreement signed.

Sid Erwin met with the Board regarding Mr. Erwin being the hearing examiner for the Planning & Zoning hearings. No action was taken.

Doris Jewett presented the Board with a grant from State of Idaho Dept of Juvenile Corrections for review.

There being no further business the Board moved for adjournment.

The complete minutes are on file and can be viewed in the office of the County Clerk.

Harold Tolmie, Chairman
Attest: Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk
1/21/04

NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LAND TO THE OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a petition for annexation of land into the Opaline Irrigation District has been filed with the secretary of said district.

James L. Jensen and Jessie J. Jensen husband and wife, pray to annex the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 17; the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 20, and the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 20 Twp. 1 N., R. 3 W., B.M..

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that all persons interested in or that may be affected by such change of boundaries of the district, shall appear at the place of the district's Board of Directors' meetings, 9265 Jaca Lane at 7 p.m. on February 3, 2004, and show cause in writing, if any they have, why the lands mentioned should not be annexed to said district.

This notice is submitted according to 43-1003 of the Idaho Code.

Angela L. Jensen
Secretary
896-5273
1/14,21,28/04

NOTICE OF BID REQUEST

Sealed bids will be received by the Owyhee County Road and Bridge Department, Attn: Larry McDaniel P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650 until 5:00 February 19, 2004 for the crushing of gravel with the following specifications:

25,000 tons of ≤ inch minus with some binder (over burden)

10,000 tons of 3/4 inch minus clean (no over burden)

3,500 tons of 5/8 inch rock chips (fractured to be bled off while ≤ minus)

Bids will be opened on February 23, 2004 by the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners in the regularly scheduled Commissioners Meeting in Murphy, Idaho

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1/21-2/4/04

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Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:30pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Linden Road, Caldwell Local Phone: Father Oscar Jarimillo - 337-3153 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Homedale 337-4248 or 454-1528 SE corner Idaho and West 7th Sunday School: 9:00 to 9:45 am Services: 10:00 am Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 to 8:30 pm	Friends Community Church Homedale 301 W. Montana, 337-3464 Sunday School: 9:30 am Sunday Morning Worship: 10:45 am Pastor: John Beck	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Ned Stokes Bishop Jerry Anderson Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm Primary 11am
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W., 337-3715 Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez 896-5552 or 371-3516 Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Español)	Owyhee Baptist Church Homedale 337-3147 1 Railroad Ave., Homedale Sunday school 10am Sunday services 11am and 6:30pm Wednesday services 7pm	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastors Maurice Jones & Duane Crist Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-4437 Pastor Paul Miller Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 896-4294 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Dave London 116 4th Ave. W., 587-4866 Sunday worship 11am-12pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Sunday evening 6pm-7pm Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm Every 3rd Sat. family video at 6 pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 Behind Mr. B's Market Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Bishop Streibel Bishop Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm Primary 11am	Vision Bible Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Youth Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Carolyn Bowers Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave., 482-7208 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Pastor: David Alley	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-4685 or 453-9289 Pastor Allan Payne Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:30
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Kerry S. Crenshaw 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Video Series: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study, men & women: Thurs., 9 a.m.



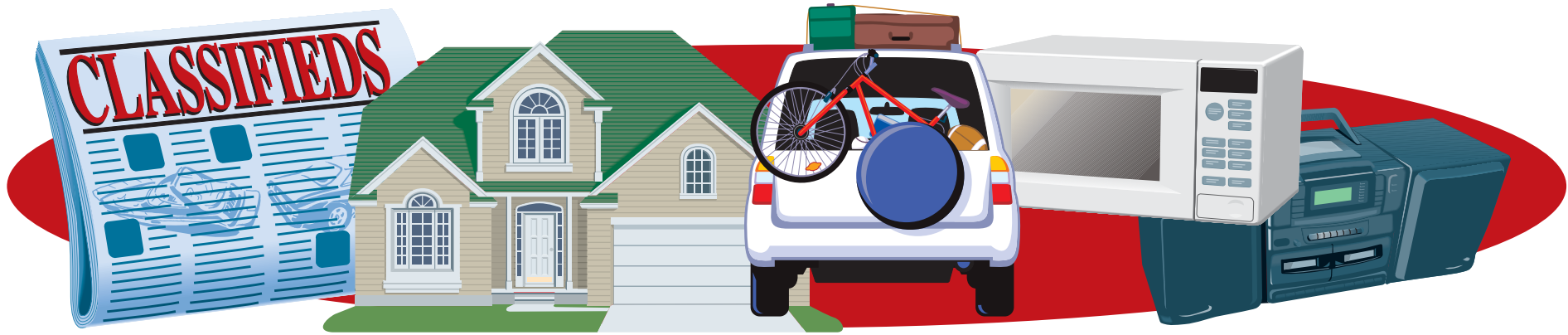
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Help wanted. Local NAPA Auto Parts store seeking experienced counter person. Parts experience and bilingual preferred. Apply at Owyhee Auto Supply in Homedale. 4 East Idaho Ave.

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Help wanted. Convenience store clerk/cashier. Apply at Owyhee Motor Sales/Phillips 66 in Homedale.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the fire departments from Homedale, Wilder and Marsing who responded immediately for our house fire and all the individuals who helped during and after our loss. We are thankful for a community such as ours. We appreciate each one of you. Our heartfelt thanks, Woody and Mary Purdom.

The Calvary Holiness Church Food Pantry of Wilder, Idaho, would like to express their sincere appreciation to all Wilder and surrounding communities for their gracious assistance in helping meet the needs of many people in the area. The pantry was able to give out 36 Thanksgiving boxes and 15 Christmas boxes this year. The need for assistance increased this quarter. We helped meet the needs of 785 people compared to 553 people last quarter. We would like to give a special Thank-You to the Youth of the church for going door-to-door and collecting food. They also helped put the baskets together and deliver them. To make monetary or food donations to the pantry, please contact Lorene Alley @ 482-7208.

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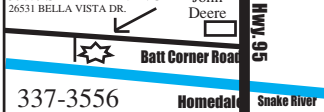
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<div>Cross Rib Pot Roast</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.79 lb.</div> <div>Boneless Beef</div>	<div>Top Sirloin Steak</div> <div></div> <div>\$3.99 lb.</div> <div>Boneless</div>	<div>20 lb. Bag Potatoes</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.59 ea.</div> <div>#2 s</div>	<div>Sweet Red Onions</div> <div></div> <div>19¢ lb.</div>
<div>Pork Spare Ribs \$1.39 lb.</div> <div>Alaskan True Cod Fillets \$4.99 lb.</div> <div>Western Family 16 oz. Mozzarella Rounds \$3.29 ea.</div>	<div>Hi Grade Fresh Sausage Links \$1.89 lb.</div> <div>Deli Corn Dogs 39¢ ea.</div> <div>John Morrell Bone In Ham Steaks \$2.99 lb.</div>	<div>Large Navel Oranges 39¢ lb.</div> <div>Fresh Cilantro 3 for \$1</div> <div>Spanish Sweet Onions 19¢ lb.</div>	<div>Small Texas Grapefruit 5 for \$1</div> <div>Fresh Cucumbers 3 for \$1</div> <div>Large Avocados \$1.19 ea.</div>
<div>Totinos Frozen Party Pizza</div> <div></div> <div>99¢ ea.</div> <div>9.8-11.5 oz.</div> <div>Nestle/Carnation 16 oz. Creamer \$1.49 ea.</div>	<div>Yuban/Maxwell House Coffee</div> <div></div> <div>\$3.99 ea.</div> <div>33-39 oz.</div> <div>Darigold Gallon Chocolate Milk \$3.19 ea.</div>	<div>Western Family Soup</div> <div></div> <div>99¢ ea.</div> <div>26 oz.</div> <div>Eddy's Bread 24 oz. Giant Sandwich 2 for \$3</div>	<div>All Varieties Coke Products</div> <div></div> <div>\$3.99 ea.</div> <div>Fridge Pack</div> <div>2 Liter Coke Products \$1.29 ea.</div>
<div>Sun Ultra Laundry Detergent</div> <div></div> <div>\$2.49 ea.</div> <div>56 oz.</div> <div>Hefty Plates 25-50 ct. Bowls 2 for \$3</div>	<div>Golden Grain Rice-a-Roni</div> <div></div> <div>79¢ ea.</div> <div>Pasta Roni 79¢ ea.</div>	<div>Angel Soft Bath Tissue</div> <div></div> <div>\$2.99 ea.</div> <div>6-12 Roll</div> <div>Elliair 176 ct. Facial Tissue 99¢ ea.</div>	<div>Frito Lay Doritos</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.99 ea.</div> <div>10-13 oz.</div> <div>24-12 oz. Cans Keystone Beer \$9.99 ea.</div>
<div>Purina Dog Food Mainstay 37.5 lb. \$9.99 ea.</div> <div>Purnia Cat Food Kit n Kaboodle 18 lb. \$7.99 ea.</div> <div>Western Family Green Chiles 4 oz. 2 for \$1</div>	<div>Old El Paso Salsa 16 oz. \$1.49 ea.</div> <div>Kikkoman Soy Sauce 10-11.75 oz. \$1.49 ea.</div> <div>Western Family Chunk White Premium Chicken 5 oz. \$1.29 ea.</div>	<div>Kraft Pudding Cups 4 Pack 99¢ ea.</div> <div>La Choy Bi-Pack Meals 42-43.5 oz. \$2.49 ea.</div> <div>Cup o' Noodles 2.25 oz. 3 for \$1</div>	<div>Progresso Soup 18.5-19 oz. \$1.29 ea.</div> <div>Kelloggs Special K 12-14 oz. \$2.99 ea.</div> <div>Betty Crocker Mashed Potatoes 4.6-7.2 oz. 99¢ ea.</div>

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