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Mayor calls for investigation into city's expense records

Only two weeks into the job of Mayor for the City of Homedale, Paul Fink said he has had to ask law enforcement to investigate the city's bookkeeping records because of missing computer entries and missing receipts, resulting in the inability to complete the annual audit.

Fink said following a city council meeting last week that an investigation is being conducted into some "discrepancies," in record keeping on a credit card.

"There is about \$480 that is still an outstanding debt," Fink said. "Since it is an outstanding debt, I am looking into what has been purchased." Fink declined to say at this time who made the charges on the credit card in question

or where the purchases were made.

He did say that the books for the city were in "such terrible shape," that he didn't feel an audit would be able to be conducted this year.

"I don't know where they are," Fink said when asked if the information had been removed or never entered into the city's computer system. "We don't know yet, and that is why we are having it investigated. I am trying very hard to balance this budget just to know where we are. How can you do books if there are no records?"

The mayor said the investigation will also include other credit card charges and disbursements, including engineering expenses.



Still searching

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink works with assistant city clerk Marsha Hayes last week in an attempt to find mistakes and missing data from the city's computer system.

US Ecology offers to clean up airport contaminants at cost

Mayor recommends firing airport engineer
Homedale Mayor Paul Fink

suggested that the city council terminate a contract with an engineering company who has been overseeing a hazard-

ous waste clean-up project at the city's airport. Fink said the city no longer needed HDR Engineering's services

because the city should be working directly with US Ecology and the Department of Environmental Quality.

A hazardous chemical called "dinoseb" was found in the soil and ground water at Homedale airport several years ago. City leaders at that time estimated it would cost over \$60,000 to have the soil removed and incinerated, but recently the city has been informed that it may be able to

have the soil sent to a hazardous waste landfill by obtaining a waiver from the State.

Fink told the council Thursday night that a spokesman from US Ecology, a hazardous treatment facility near Grand View, had contacted him and offered to dispose of the hazardous material dinoseb that has kept sections of the airport closed for several years.

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Digging out

Snow nearly covers the front of a cabin at DeLamar last weekend. Several inches on new snow fell over the Owyhee Mountains last weekend and more is expected this week. Temperatures in the valley are expected to climb into the 40s with rain and snow showers.

Road meeting time changed

The time of a road meeting in Jordan Valley Thursday evening has been changed, due to scheduled athletic events. The county commissioners will meet with members of the community at the Pleasant Valley School at 8 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. as originally planned. The meeting is to discuss deteriorating road conditions in the area.

Commissioner Hal Tolmie said last week that the county has been plagued by complaints from residents about the road conditions in the area and the meeting will give people a chance to tell the commissioners their concerns. A spokesman from the Bureau of Land Management said a representative has been invited to attend the gathering, but it was unsure Monday if anyone would attend.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Accelerated readers

Fifth and sixth grade students who met or exceeded their Accelerated reading goals at Homedale Middle School were honored with a pizza party served by office staff. Nearly 100 students received a slice of pizza, a soda or a candy bar during Friday's celebration.

Bottom photo

Honored readers

Kris Hopkins serves pizza to students at Homedale Middle School last Friday to honor 100 kids who have met and exceeded their goal in the Accelerated Reader program. Students set a personal goal based on comprehensive quizzes and accumulated points. About 12 students achieved 200 percent of their goal for the quarter.

City's irrigation fund in trouble, mayor says

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said last week, the fee irrigators in the city have been charged is only about half of what they should have been charged. He said due to paying South Board of Control and increased amount of wages taken from the irrigation budget, the fund will not carry itself and money will have to come from somewhere else.

“We will be able to pay South Board, but the irrigation users are still being undercharged about half,” Fink said. “We are charging the user about half of what we pay South Board the way the billing went out. It was wrong.”

Fink said the city has been charging about \$1.12 per 25-foot lot when it should have been charging about \$2.28 per lot. There are approximately 14 lots for an acre. The city is receiving about \$18 per acre and they should be receiving \$36 per acre.

“We have to take that out of the operating capital for the irrigation,” Fink explained. “Last year everyone paid \$56.50 for maintenance fee. They should be paying \$66.50 for the maintenance. The \$10 fee was put on as a surcharge instead of a fee increase.”

Fink said from what he can find, the mistake was made in the billing for last year alone. He said the \$10 increase was listed as a surcharge, which is temporary and is dedicated to a specific project. He said he did not know of a specific project, and therefore the surcharge should have been listed as an increase in fees.



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Snowbound
Snow covers the front of a home in Silver City last weekend. Access into the historic town is now limited to snowmobiles or cross-country skiers as the road is not maintained through the winter.

Disaster auction raffle tickets being sold on several items

Auctioneers will begin calling out bids at 10:13 a.m. Feb. 7 as the 43rd annual Marsing Disaster Auction and sale kicks off. The auction is held yearly and is the community's biggest fundraiser. Proceeds have gone to help hundreds of people who have been victims of disaster.

Tickets have been being sold for several raffle items and coordinators said last week that many tickets are still available.

There will be a drawing for a half beef, cut and wrapped, \$250 shopping spree, one butchered hog, cut and wrapped and a Boise get-away with two nights, dinner and a show.

Tickets are being sold at Marsing merchants for the committee raffle for \$10 each. The raffle will include a drawing for a Ruger 22-250, a Rhino Gun Safe, a complete computer system, and a \$500 Lee Read Jewelers shopping spree.

To donate items for the auction or to volunteer contact Dusty Clover at 573-3614, or co-chairman Kelly and Jason Ineck at 896-5067 or any member of the Marsing Fire Department or ambulance service.

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Commissioners overturn P and Z decision

The Owyhee County Commissioners overturned a special conditional use permit decision that would allow a local man to subdivide portions of his property. The planning and zoning commission granted Larry Flynn's permit last year after Flynn applied for a permit nearly two years ago. But after appeals from the applicant and from appellants, the commissions denied the entire application. Flynn was seeking a permit to divide 160 acres of land to "sell four parcels."

A memorandum of decision was filed last week and stated that in August, 2002, the planning and zoning commission issued a decision denying the permit. Flynn appealed the decision to the board of commissioners. The board remanded the case back to P&Z with instructions to hear the remand during its April, 2003 meeting.

After hearing testimony on three occasions, the P&Z commission approved the permit with conditions. Appellants filed an appeal with the county commissioners in which commissioner Hal Tolmie said the board found reason to overturn the P&Z decision and deny the permit.

"The first time they, P&Z, denied his application," Tolmie explained. "They appealed to the commissioners. At that time we thought it best to send it back to planning and zoning and have them hear the case. Then they came up with a decision to approve it. Now the appellants filed for a hearing. We heard that, and after going through the testimony from everyone, we decided that planning and zoning did not do everything correctly in their hearing. We decided that Flynn had not met all of his obligations to all of the codes in the county. So we overturned the planning and zoning decision and denied the permit."

The final decision states that the board of commissioners found that the planning and zoning commission did commit procedural errors that constituted violations of due process by denying appellants the right to cross-examine witnesses.

"Flynn failed to satisfy the requirements of the ordinance in that he failed to reach the burden of proof necessary to justify the issuance of the conditional use permit," the memorandum reads. "The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission erred in granting approval of the requested permit."

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Smorgasbord tickets still available

The theme for this year’s Homedale School District Smorgasbord is “Down the Yellow Brick Road: An ‘Oz-some’ Journey to Excellence through Education.” Tickets for the event are still on sale and are being sold by Homedale Middle School’s sixth grade class.

Proceeds from the event over the years have pur-



Week two winners

Winners of the second week of selling tickets to the annual International Smorgasbord were Thomas Oakley, Jessica Eubanks and Karly Bertagnolli. Ryan Ryska sold the most but was not available for the photo. Ryska sold \$233.50, Bertagnolli sold \$55.50, Eubanks sold \$37 and Oakley sold \$26 in dinner passes.



Week three winners

Thomas Oakley, Bryan Reay, Kimberly Hancock and Megan Romans were this week’s Smorgasbord ticket sales winners. Romans sold \$106, Hancock sold \$52, Reay sold \$30 and Oakley sold \$27.5. Mark Shenk sold \$36 but was not available

chased over \$220,000 of instructional materials and equipment for the students in Homedale schools. This year’s smorgasbord chairmen are Sherri and Clint Romriell and co-chairmen are Tim and Nikki Quintana.

A spokesman for the event said ice cream will be served in the desert booth this year, but more people are needed to cook pies and cheesecakes. To volunteer for the deserts, contact Susan Vanderhoff at 337-5670 or to volunteer for the event, call Sherri at 337-3935 or Pam Gibbens at 337-4033.

Tickets are available from a sixth grade student at Homedale Middle School or at the door. Prices this year are the same as last at \$26 for a family, \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3.5 for children in grades 1-6 and \$2 for pre-school children.

The art show held in conjunction with the annual event is open to anyone who has his or her work framed or matted. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded in four age group categories and all entries must be brought to the elementary school before 12 p.m. on Feb. 6th.

Barbie Vander Boegh and Melanie Harper are organizing the basket auction again this year and Sherri said students are making baskets from all three district schools. She included that baskets from the community are always welcome and donators can call Harper at 337-4033 to make arrangements.

Police chief seeks sponsors for icy dip

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller has been seeking sponsors who would like to assist him in his quest to take an icy swim for a good cause.

Eidemiller will join many other law enforcement officers, politicians, firefighters and private citizens in the Penguin Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics of Idaho. If Eidemiller receives at least \$200 in donations, he will jump with fellow cold weather friends into an unheated outdoor pool at a Nampa business on Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. Wilder Police Chief Jeff Perry will also join Eidemiller in an effort that raised \$8,000 last year. Penguin Plunge organizer Darin Freiburghaus, a deputy sheriff for Canyon County, said he hopes to raise even more this year for the event that allows disabled children to participate in Olympics competitions.

Freiburghaus said the slogan for this year’s event is “Like the Cold? Think Yer Tuff? Wanna Prove It?” He said many Penguin Plungers would wear fun costumes in an attempt to keep some of the cold water out.

To sponsor Eidemiller contact him at 337-4641 or to suggest a cold-water companion for the event, call Freiburghaus at 724-6740.

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✓ Airport

"They wanted to know if we wanted to work with them," Fink told the council. "They said they had a difficult time working with the past administration and I told them that I was very enthused about working with them and getting that airport cleaned up. We have some activity down there now and we have more to do. More buildings are going to be put in down there and I think it is the best commercial property we have going in Homedale right now. I would like to proceed with them and see if we can get DEQ to approve transferring it to their facility in Grand View."

A spokesman from US Ecology said last week that the hazardous waste treatment facility has offered to dispose of contaminated soil discovered at the Homedale Airport for over \$50,000 less than it would cost the city if the soil was transported to an incineration facility.

"US Ecology has not provided Homedale with a direct bid for the airport cleanup, since we're not interested in doing the excavation and asphalt work," Chad Hyslop Marketing & External Affairs Director for US Ecology said. "However, we would be pleased to help Homedale by providing treatment and disposal services for the dinoseb contaminated soil at our lowest possible costs."

Fink told the council Thursday that \$19,000 was left in the account for the airport cleanup.

In April, Owyhee County sent two checks to the city to assist in the cleanup after then mayor Harold Puri asked for help. The county sent one check for \$10,000 and followed up with another check for \$25,000. County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said the money was sent to the city for the airport project. Fink said Thursday that the best record he can find at this point is only \$19,000 remains.

"HDR is the engineer on that project," Fink said. "I would like to terminate the contract with them and get an engineering firm on staff we can work with. US Ecology does business in Owyhee County and I think it is important for us to leave this in Owyhee County if we can."

Hyslop said that due to the low concentrations of dinoseb that have been found in the soil, it is possible the company may be able to dispose of the waste at it's Grand View facility. He said the cost would be about \$70 per ton, which would include transportation from Homedale, applicable state fee and the disposal. He said the total for approximately 36 cubic yards of waste would be about \$2,520. Hyslop said if the Department of Environmental Quality would not allow the waste at the Grand View site, a site in Beatty, Nevada could also dispose of it in it's thermal desorption treatment unit.

"The thermal desorption treatment will remove all the organics, dinoseb, from the waste," Hyslop explained. "We would be willing to provide transportation, treatment and disposal for about \$200 per ton or \$7,200 total."

"We estimate that incineration would probably cost between \$350 and \$500 per ton and about \$60 per ton for transportation if the soil is transported to an incinerator in Salt Lake," Hyslop stated.

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Marsing Middle School announces 2nd quarter honor roll

Students at Marsing Middle School receiving a 3.0-4.0 grade point average were recognized last week. Students receiving a 3.5-4.0 GPA are recognized as high honors and students with a 3.0-3.49 are honors.

High honors in sixth grade are: Joel Acuna, Jaydee Anderson, Jessie Cossel, Autumn Daugherty, Jonica Eells, Maricruz Esquivel, Brian Galligan, Crystal Garcia, Kimberly Garza, Kacie Hull, Layne Jensen, Faith Jerome, Edith Leal, Jacob Mays, Jordan Meadows, Heidi Morris, Jonathan Newman, Ethan Salove, and Brisa Stahle.

Seventh grade high honors are: Shylah Eells, Sean Finley, Angelica Garibay, Kelsey Granden, Maira Montes, Rosa Montes, Victor Montes, Michal Moore, Rose Remick, Bethany Sevy, Kaya Stahle, and Amelia Walters

Eighth grade high honors are: Briana Acree, Marisol Aguilar, Mary Eells, Taylor Nielsen, Natalie Salinas, Amanda Staudenmier, Jennifer Sullens

Sixth grade honor students included: Taylor Aikens, Cari Jo Anderson, Shelby Barker, Tony Beagley, Lorenzo Bernabe, Nicholas Birmingham, Kevin Bowers, Beth Eells, Laura Eells, Jessica Freeman, Tyson Heller, Peyton Kin-

ney, Clinton Jackson, Miguel Marcial, Bardomeano Martinez, Maria Martinez, Amelia McIntyre, Tiffany Moore, and Ryan Rebischke

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Bianca Mascarro, Taylor Morris, and Maricruz Villa

Eighth grade honor students included: Kelsey Aikens, Latisha Anderson, Amy Beagley, Miranda Garcia, Cherie Gomez, Holly Heller, Elizabeth Mandujano, Laura Marcial, Elisa Moreno, Jessica Moreno, Danielle Padgett, Lindsay Whitaker, and Kris Young

Grand View Lions to hold annual auction

The Grand View Lions Club will hold its annual community auction on Feb. 14 at the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium. Funds raised from last year's auction allowed the club to put glasses on six local children, repair a hearing aid for a local student, fence the little league ball park and donate books to the Bruneau and Grand View libraries.

The Lions Club will serve lunch with the auction to following at 1 p.m. The Baker Auctioneers will call out bids on many donated items including livestock, hay and straw, furniture, household products, petroleum products, cakes and pies and miscellaneous articles.

Proceeds from the event will be used for community betterment. Prizes will be awarded including a John Deere lawn mower and a barbecue grill.

Sixth grade students at Bruneau and Grand View elementary schools are selling ticket for the lawn mower and grill. The Lions are donating a percentage of the sales to the class for projects. Tickets may also be purchased at the Grand Owyhee, Gus's Gas and at the Square Deal store.

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Payments from H&W totals \$7.6 million in county

Last year, Owyhee County received more than \$7.6 million from Department of Health & Welfare programs that help people in need. That investment benefits every one of the county's 10,600 residents. Of Idaho's 44 counties, Owyhee County ranks number 24 in per capita investment of Health & Welfare dollars.

The investment of state and federal tax dollars amounts to \$717 for every man, woman and child residing in Owyhee County. This includes citizens who may not receive a single direct service from the Department. This compares to a statewide average of \$808 per capita. This information comes from the Idaho State Department of Health and Welfare.

The Department invested more than \$1 billion in 2003 statewide in Idaho communities, the release continues. These funds came from Medicaid, additional payments to hospitals, Food Stamps, the Idaho Child Care Program, the Women, Infants, and Children nutritional program, and the Home Energy program among others.

"Even if you don't directly use a Department service you benefit from the Department's investment," says Health & Welfare Director Karl Kurtz. "Food Stamp payments, for example, are a direct investment in neighborhood grocery stores which use that money to hire clerks and meat cutters. Owyhee County received \$902,310 in Food Stamp funds in 2003. This means families get the food they need, and merchants create jobs in the community."

"(Many people) here have come to rely on Food Stamps because of the seasonal (farm) work," says Stan Zatica, co-owner of Paul's Market in Homedale. "This is money

that stays in the community, so we use it to pay taxes, pay our clerks, pay our utilities. We are an Idaho company so that money stays in Idaho. It would definitely hurt us without the (Food Stamp) money."

"Medicaid pharmacy is another example," says Kurtz. "Pharmacy payments not only keep our clients healthy, but it creates a healthy bottom line for local business."

"If we didn't have Medicaid, the place would probably close down," warns Rodney Roe, owner of Homedale Drug. "I employee about 10 people and a third of our pharmacy business is Medicaid, so that helps pay the salaries. This is also the only pharmacy in Owyhee County. We have a lot of elderly in our community and we save these folks a lot of travel. Without us they would have to travel miles to get a prescription."

In addition, Owyhee County parents received \$183,003 in childcare subsidy payments last year. The subsidy program helps low-income working parents and parents looking for work. The program also provides a big boost for the county's 49 childcare providers who participate in the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP).

In addition, Owyhee County received \$91,052 in energy assistance for people who need help paying their winter heating bill and \$269,991 in assistance from the Women, Infants, and Children nutritional program.

"It's important for people to know that the Department's investment benefits all Idaho residents. This is wise use of taxpayer dollars because the money spent in the community often stays in the community," says Kurtz. "Those dollars are spent again and again to help create jobs and create an infrastructure that provides healthy and safe communities."



Sonja Krave Stephens celebrates 90th birthday

Sonja Krave's children, Wayne and Julia Stephens and Joe and Kathy Gannuscio, has invited all friends and family to an open house in honor of her 90th birthday at Marsing Senior Citizen Center at 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, January 31st.

Sonja moved to Marsing in 1990 with her husband Jim to live next to their daughter, Kathy. Sonja is very independent and active. She loves working in her garden, growing flowers, talking walks and enjoying the beauties of the Snake River from her front porch.

The family has requested no gifts, but a note or card would be appreciated.

Kimberly Ingersoll and Joel Wilson to be married

Mr. and Mrs. Keith and Lola Ingersoll of Homedale announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Ann Ingersoll, to Joel Cameron Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim and Lori Wilson of Grangeville.

Miss Ingersoll is a Homedale graduate and is currently a stay-at-home mother to the couple's one month-old son Landen. Mr. Wilson is a Grangeville graduate, also Navy attendant and is at present employed with Les Schwab Tire in Homedale.

The wedding is set for May 15.

Obituary

Michael John Percifield

Michael John Percifield, 53, of Marsing, passed away suddenly on Sunday, January 25 at home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, January 28, 2004 in Marsing at the Phipps-Watson Community Center. John Cossel, of Marsing, will officiate. Interment will follow at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Mike was born May 5, 1950 in Nampa, Idaho to Wade and Alpha Percifield of Marsing. He attended Marsing Schools, graduating in 1968. During his school years, Mike was active in football, basketball and baseball.

Mike and Letty Keen-Howarth were married in 1974 at Winnemucca, Nevada. Mike farmed in the Marsing area for several years. He later worked at Bowman Produce for 28 years, until the company closed in the fall of 2003. At the time of his death, Mike was enjoying his new job with the Robison Fruit Ranch.

Throughout his life he enjoyed hunting and fishing and many happy hours were spent as Mike and Letty's Fall Creek cabin. He was always an avid sportsman, and especially enjoyed playing slow pitch softball; this established many lifelong friendships, and eventually led to development of an annual co-ed softball tournament in Marsing. The tournament has become the primary support for the Marsing City Recreation Program. Mike spent many hours of hard work making this tournament successful.

Mike lived his entire life in the Marsing area and devoted many hours of volunteer service to the community. He was active in Lion's Club, Marsing City Council, Marsing Volunteer Fire Department, and the Marsing Rod & Gun Club. Mike loved Bingo and was instrumental in establishing a successful monthly Bingo fundraiser for the Marsing Lion's Club.

Mike is survived by his wife, Letty of Marsing; his son, Casey Percifield and wife Debbie, Marsing; two step-sons Rob Howarth and Jerrod Howarth and wives, Cindy and Lisa, all of Marsing. Mike also leaves behind his mother, Alpha Percifield, Marsing, and brothers Dan (Jeanne) Percifield, Jeff (Norene) Percifield, and Todd Percifield and sister-in-law Carole Percifield, all of Marsing; Father-in-law, George Keen and sister and brother-in-law Connie and Don Massie, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Mike's pride and joy was his one year old granddaughter, Delaney

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Wade Percifield and three brothers, Jim Percifield, Tim Percifield and Pete Percifield and maternal and paternal grandparents, and mother-in-law, Inez Keen.

Donations may be made to the Phipps-Watson Community Center, PO Box 606, Marsing, Idaho 83639 or the Idaho Lion's Sight & Hearing Foundation, Box 44620, Boise, Idaho 83711.



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BLM to hold public meeting on grazing regulations

The public will have an opportunity to learn about and comment on proposed changes to Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) grazing regulations at a public meeting in Boise on Saturday, January 31. The meeting will be held from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Tamarack Room at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel, located at 2900 Chinden Boulevard.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comment on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), issued by the BLM on January 2, which analyzes the potential environmental impacts of proposed changes to BLM's regulations for managing live-stock grazing on public lands. The rulemaking proposal, published in the Federal Register on December 8, is aimed at improving grazing management and helping public lands ranching continue in the rural West.

The DEIS is a national-level analysis that documents the

ecological, cultural, social, and economic effects of the proposed grazing rule, if implemented in its current form. The DEIS also examines the impact of two other management options -- a "No Action Alternative" and a "Modified

Action Alternative." The "No Action Alternative" analyzes the effects of the BLM continuing to administer public lands grazing under current regulations. The "Modified Action Alternative" looks at the ef-

fects of regulatory changes that would be similar, but not identical, to the proposed rule. Details of the three management alternatives, as described in the DEIS, can be accessed at the BLM's Web site (www.blm.gov), as can

the specifics of the proposed grazing rule.

A 60-day public comment period on the DEIS will end on March 2, which is also the closing date for public comments on the proposed grazing rule.

Police department drug test results returned

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Friday that he received the test results from a voluntary drug test given to his department, the maintenance crew and several family members last week after rumors of drug use were reported.

"I am happy to report, as I thought, everyone came back negative," Eidemiller said. "We will continue to do random drug testing in the future. We will test at least one person a month and hope to get the mayor and council involved as well. We haven't presented the idea to them yet."

Eidemiller said if someone is found to be positive for illegal drug use, the employee will immediately be suspended and they will be offered assistance in a rehabilitation program. He said the person involved will have to successfully complete that program and test negative before being allowed to return to work.

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Rimrock High announces second quarter honor roll

Honor roll students at Rimrock Junior/Senior High School were announced last week for its second quarter session. The honor roll includes students earning a 3.0 to 4.0 grade point average.

Those students earning a 4.0 GPA were J.R. Steiner, Leigh Martin, Stacy White, Cole Merrick, Samantha James, Nathan Hofer, Melinda Lewis and Adrea Thomas.

Students earning a 3.75-3.99 GPA are: Emily Hegerhorst, Shelby Chandler, Dexter Hegerhorst, Alan Draper, Carolann Wilson, Edith Ruiz, Robynn Ridley, Robert Jackson, Chelsey Lemon, Katey

Oman, Travis Dawson, Sara Gonzalez, Kyli Wilson, and Kathleen Wilson.

Students with a 3.50-3.74 are: Sara Shaw, Stephen Campbell, Sam Richardson, Ellie Cantrell, James Campbell, Amanda Kastner, Andres Morales Chris Hipwell, Logan Thomas, Alexandra Thomas, Wyatt Timmons, Lindsay Rudolph, Skyler Stotts, Shannon Hipwell, Sadie Timmons, Maricela Bravo, Cy Lootens, Annalise Field, Daisy Hatch, Shannon Lawson, Natasha Greene, Emily Chandler, Trudy Dick, Amanda Lewis and Jay Long.

Students receiving a 3.25-

3.49 GPA included: Debbie Kastner, Brenda Johnson, Joseph Morrison, Alex Meyers, Margie Hegerhorst, Malissa Carrillo, Jose Herrera, Sierra Ridley, Lacey McGuire, Juan Araujo, Lenzi Murray, Tanner Field, Eliamar Quezada, Jennifer Noland, Kaeloni Roberson, Diana Quezada, Mallore Hutton, Clint Hutton, Veronica Bravo, Brent Law, Ben Field, Estrella Ayala, Laura Rinna, Hugo Araujo, Jessica Andrews, Ryan Stewart, Juan Jimenez, Devin Meyers and Anthony Hofer.

Students earning a 3.0-3.24 GPA are: Christina Wolfe,

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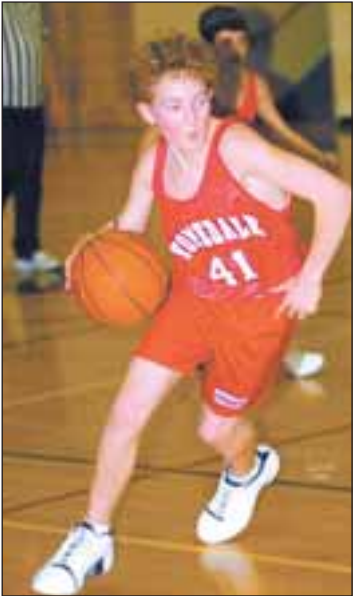
Homedale's Stuart Miyasako and Marsing's Jake Carver get tangled up in the 125 pound weight class. Miyasako won the match with a 16-1 decision. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

Trojans win Padilla invite

The Homedale Trojans continued its pinning streak last week winning the Ben Padilla Invitational in Parma. Homedale placed six winners en route to a first place team finish with 241 points. Parma came in second more than 100 points behind scoring 143.5. Pine Eagle and Boaker tied for third place with 140.5 and Joseph, Ore. placed fifth with 120 points. Marcus Eby led the Trojans with a 5-2 decision win over Aaron White of Joseph in the

140 pound division. Jason Christoffersen, Jeremy Ensley, Tyler Christoffersen, Joe Foster and Pedro Hernandez rounded out the top winners. Christoffersen beat Grangeville's Brandon Stark who finished sixth at state last year. Brian Martinat scored a semifinal upset against Parma's Edgar Flores who was a fourth place state placer last year and a second place finisher at 119 pounds. Josh Jolley took third place at 189 pounds and Brandan

Sitko, Tyler Maxwell, Ricco Gonzalez and LeRoy Atkins all finished fourth for Homedale.



Seventh grade ball Junior High basketball is underway. Seventh grader Tyler Gibson dribbles the ball in their season opener against Parma. Parma won the game, but final results were unavailable. Photo by Gregg Garrett.



Future cheerleaders

Cousins Morgan Nash and Tori Nash perform cheerleading stunts during halftime activities of the Homedale Varsity boy's basketball game. Morgan and Tori participated in a day long cheerleading camp offered by the Homedale High School cheerleaders. Over 50 "future cheerleaders" performed in front of a packed house. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

Homedale beats Parma 48-45

The Homedale Lady Trojans defeated the Parma Panthers 48-45 in a conference girls basketball game last week. After breaking out to a 12-2 lead in the first quarter the Trojans slowed and allowed Parma back into the game. At the end of the half, Parma had regained a point after scoring 11 points to the 10 dished out by Homedale. The Trojans led 22-13 going into the break. Four more points were sliced off the Homedale lead by the end of the third quarter. The Trojans were only ahead by 5 points with a 33-28 score at the start of the fourth quarter. Outscoring Homedale 17-15 in the fourth quarter was not enough to gain the lead and the Trojans held on to the victory. Homedale's Stephanie Derschon led all scorers with 23 points. Shannon Batt was the leading scorer for Parma with 12 points.

Lady Mustangs split games

The Jordan Valley Lady Mustangs split a pair of basketball games last week beating the Adrian Antelopes 77-55 but dropped their second match-up losing 30-26 to Wallowa. The Antelopes held with the Mustangs in the first quarter as both teams scored 13 points in an Old Oregon League match-up. Jordan Valley got their wheels spinning in the second and third quarters outscoring Adrian 44-24 in the middle quarters. Adrian scored 14 points to the Mustangs 25 in the second quarter. The third quarter was a 19-10 Jordan Valley push. In the fourth quarter Adrian came close to Jordan Valley with 18 points to their 20 points. Anna Watkins and Lauren Cuvelier led Jordan Valley's scoring with 24 and 21 points. Bailey Kershner added 10 points for the Mustangs and Sharie Baltzor poured in eight points in the victory. Trisha Hernandez and Lindsey Phelps led the way for the Lady Antelopes with 10 points apiece. "This was a very fast paced game," Mustang coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. "Both teams ran a full court press and pushed the ball up the floor. We did a good job of rebounding, especially at the offensive end, and were able to capitalize on some of their turnovers. Watkins and Cuvelier both had huge games, combining for 45 points. Anna scored 19 of her game high 24 in the first half, while Lauren scored 18 of her 21 in the second half." Against Wallowa, the game was a defensive struggle throughout with the largest lead by either team being five. After taking a 12-10 halftime lead, Jordan Valley was unable to get anything going in the third quarter, scoring only five points to Wallowa's 10. The forth quarter remained close throughout. Jordan Valley got a steal and a chance to tie with 30 seconds left, but was called for a traveling violation and was forced to foul. Lynique Oveson made two key free throws that to seal the game for Wallowa. "We had a lot of good looks at the basket, but were just unable to make a shot," Chamberlain said. "The girls played well, and worked hard, the ball just wouldn't drop for us."

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Junior varsity hoopsters continue league romp

Homedale Middle School boy's basketball team remained undefeated in league last week with a 52-30 victory over McCall. Payette slipped by the team stopping the Trojans 61-41 in a non-league game Saturday.

Against McCall, Garrett Sweet led the team with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Andrew Vanderhoff added 10 points and three steals and Ryan Rupp added nine points. Luis Escutia gave seven points in the win.

Rupp paved the way against Payette scoring 14 points. Brett Hopkins gave 10 points against the Pirates and Eric Corbett added eight points in the effort.

Homedale could not be beat the week of Jan. 13 as they faced off against non-league team Middleton and league teams Melba and Nampa Christian.

Brett Hopkins led in the Trojan's 50-36 victory over the Vikings on Jan. 13 and he gave six assists. Escutia added 11 points, as did Sweet and Vanderhoff. Vanderhoff also recorded four steals.

Sweet again led the team high of 17 points against the Mustangs on Jan. 15. He took 10 rebounds. Hopkins added 14 points and Escutia gave 13 points and six steals.

Sweet slammed the Nampa Christian Trojans with 23 points and 12 rebounds in the Jan. 17 57-50 victory. Rupp added seven points and seven rebounds and Ian Lootens added seven points of his own.

Homedale will host Marsing on Thursday night and will travel to Parma to meet the Panthers on Saturday.



Drive

Ryan Johnson drives the lane during the Homedale vs Payette Freshman boy's basketball game action. The Homedale boys lost the game 51-48 in overtime. Coach Kenny Thomas said 42 turnovers did not help Homedale who will face Marsing in Homedale Thursday night. Ryan Johnson sunk the basket that sent the game into overtime. Photo by Gregg Garrett.



Jump

Jaton Lord lays up a shot against Payette. Homedale defeated Payette 52-44. Results were not made available. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

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- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup Breakstone’s or Knudsen Sour Cream
- 3 eggs
- 1 bag (14 ounces) Kraft Caramels, divided
- 2 tablespoons water, divided

Mix crumbs, 1/2 cup pecans, granulated sugar and butter. Line 13x9-inch baking pan with foil; press crumbs firmly onto

bottom of pan. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes.

Beat cream cheese, brown sugar, flour and vanilla with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add sour cream; mix well. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing on low speed after each addition just until blended.

Place 36 caramels and 1 tablespoon water in microwavable bowl. Microwave on HIGH 1 minute or until caramels are completely melted when stirred. Add to cream cheese batter; stir until well blended. Pour over crust.

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- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies, drained
- 8 Taco Bell Home Originals Flour Tortilla

Cook and stir onion and garlic in hot oil in large skillet on medium heat 2 minutes. Add chicken, 1/4 cup of the salsa, cream cheese, cilantro and cumin; cook until heated through, stirring occasionally. Add 1/2 cup shredded cheese and green chilies; mix well. Spoon about 1/3 cup chicken mixture onto each tortilla; roll up. Place, seam sides down, in 13x9-inch baking dish; top with remaining 1-1/4 cups salsa and 1/2 cup shredded cheese. Bake at 350°F for 15 to 20 minutes or until heated through. Makes 4 servings.

Cheesy BBQ Chicken Crackers

Kraft Kitchens

Prep: 10 minutes

- 1 package (6 ounces) Louis Rich Grilled Chicken Breast Strips, chopped
- 1/4 cup Bull’s-Eye Original Barbecue Sauce
- 4 ounces Kraft Monterey Jack Cheese with Jalapeño Peppers, cut into 24 slices
- 24 Triscuit Crackers
- 1 green onion, sliced

Toss chicken with barbecue sauce; spoon evenly onto crackers. Top each with 1 cheese slice. Place 6 topped crackers on microwavable plate. Microwave on HIGH 15 to 20 seconds or until cheese begins to melt. Repeat with remaining topped crackers. Sprinkle with green onion. Makes 12 servings, 2 topped crackers each.

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Caramel Pecan Cheesecake Squares

School menu

January 29-February 4

Marsing

Feb.02: Chicken patty/bun, fruit variety, condiments, milk, Chinese egg roll, fresh salad bar 4th-12th, fresh baked roll.

Feb.03: Waffle w/syrup, scrambled eggs, sliced ham, strawberries/whipped topping, milk, all American hamburger, fresh salad bar 4th-12th, fresh baked roll.

Feb.04: Crispy baked chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit variety, burrito w/fixings, fresh salad bar 4th-12th, fresh baked roll.

Homedale Elementary

Jan.29: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, peaches, cinnamon roll, milk.

Jan.30: Pizza or pop corn chicken, tossed salad, pineapple, cookie, milk.

Feb.02: Hamburger or fish patty/bun, fries/tots, apricots, cookies, milk.

Feb.03: Chicken tenders or CF beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, hot roll, peaches, milk.

Feb.04: Crispito or tst. Cheese sandwich, taco salad, applesauce, churro, milk.

Homedale Middle

Jan.29: Enchilada or chicken and noodles, corn, fruit, or salad bar, milk.

Jan.30: Haystack, roll, veggie sticks, fruit, or salad bar, milk.

Feb.02: Early dismissal. Chicken or rib-b-que/patty, tots, fruit, or salad bar, milk.

Feb.03: Fish nuggets or corn dog, rice, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Feb.04: Chicken tender or CF beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, hot roll, fruit, milk.

Homedale High

Jan.29: Chicken patty or hamburger/bun, fries, fruit, desert, milk.

Jan.30: Beef taco or sandwich choice, corn, fruit, milk.

Feb.02: Pizza or nacho bar, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Feb.03: Hot pocket or weiner wrap, scalloped potatoes, fruit, milk.

Feb.04: Enchilada or burrito or baked potato bar, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

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Snowmobilers gather in front of the Idaho Hotel in Silver City on Saturday.

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 72,463 acre-feet of water, which is 10 percent of full. One hundred seventy eight cubic feet of water was entering the reservoir and nine cfs of water was being released.

** Provisional data, subject to revision **			
01/25/04			
	Date	Snow Water Equivalent	Snow Depth
Reynolds Creek	01/18	3.2	9.8
	01/19	3.4	9.9
	01/20	3.3	10.0
	01/21	3.3	9.9
	01/22	3.1	10.0
	01/23	3.3	9.9
	01/24	3.4	10.2
	01/25	3.5	11.1
South Mtn.	01/18	13.8	45.6
	01/19	13.8	45.1
	01/20	13.8	44.5
	01/21	13.8	44.4
	01/22	13.8	44.0
	01/23	13.7	43.4
	01/24	13.6	42.9
	01/25	14.2	48.2
Mud Flat	01/18	6.4	23.7
	01/19	6.4	23.7
	01/20	6.4	23.3
	01/21	6.8	23.0
	01/22	6.3	23.1
	01/23	6.3	23.2
	01/24	6.3	23.3
	01/25	6.6	26.6

4-H news

By Mikal Mackenzie, Reporter

Once again 4-H has started in the Shoo-Fly 4-H Club. On January 11, 2004 new officers were elected for the year.

The officers are: Cory Uria-President, Hailee Garrett-Vice president, Secretary-Yasone Lejardi, Treasurer-Josh Ryska, Reporter-Mikal Mackenzie, and Sergeant of Arms-Trevor Krzesnik.

Required demonstrations were presented by Ryan Ryska, Cortnee Krzesnik, Mikal Mackenzie, Steve Williams, and Alex and Zach Mereness. A ski trip was planned for President's Day weekend. The Shoo-Fly 4-H Club is looking forward to the upcoming 4-H year.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

The fuzzy slipper

Some blamed the incident on her fuzzy slippers.

Brenda is a top hand, and like many ranch women, is especially good at calving heifers. Because of her skill and stamina she and her husband, Perry had synchronized 110 first-calf heifers to calve within a two-week period. Of course, when they bred them they didn't anticipate those two weeks would fall in a period of clear skies and 40° below zero.

She kept two horses saddled in the barn, each on a twelve hours shift. She checked the heifer lot night and day, almost hourly, nipping back in the warm house for a bite or a nap. She would slip off her cap, Carhartt coveralls and boots, then dive under the electric blanket. She slept in what she wore under the Carhartts, a tee shirt and underwear – 'granny' underwear, she described it, Hanes Her Way, 3 in a pack for \$2.00, she got at Wal-Mart in Bismarck.

By the second week she was a zombie. During one particularly cold night she woke, dressed and walked to the corral. She noticed as she mounted her horse that she was still wearing her fuzzy pink slippers. "So what," her frozen jaw muscles mumbled.

Riding into the heifer lot she found a new baby steaming in the frigid air. Brenda slid a loop around his hind legs, swung to the saddle and began skidding him across hard ground toward the calving jugs in the barn. Mama followed. As she passed through the gate, something went wrong. The calf's feet went to the inside of the post, the rope to the outside, snagging it in a perfect V. It stopped the horse; he swiveled in his borium shoes to the left, snugged the rope up under his tail, and threw a fit! Brenda pitched her slack, grabbed at the horn, reared back and pointed her fuzzy-clad toes in a sort of "Michelin Man imitates Gjermunson."

The horse continued to buck as the 35 foot rope snaked itself free, steaming, writhing and throwing smoke from under the horse's tail, not unlike an 800-lb marlin, sounding, and taking the line back from Ernest Hemmingway's whining reel!

Brenda came out over the front onto, and into the ice and snow and frozen poop. She careened, luge-like into a snow bank, her fuzzy slippers disappearing and the handy openings on the side of the Carhartts, packing themselves with snow, from her granny's to her sockless ankles.

Back in the living room Perry was sympathetic, "He's never bucked before," he said, "It must have been the fuzzy slippers."

The following fall one of the guilty slippers was found in a coyote den two miles from the house by a pheasant hunter. Bet there's a story behind this, he thought, bound to be.

Joe Aman

Editor's notebook



What's going on here?

It appears that after several years the airport at Homedale will finally be cleaned up, thus – hopefully – allowing the skull and crossbone signs to be removed.

US Ecology has graciously offered to assist with the project. Cudos to this Owyhee County disposal plant.

It was in the April 18, 2001 issue that then-mayor Harold Puri told the city council the cleanup project could run over \$ 2 million. Panic set in as the council closed the airport, and acted as though it was the Three Mile Island incident.

Signs went up. Airport land leasees were denied access to their private hangars and businesses. Engineers, inspectors and specialists flocked in for a piece of the action.

Not much has happened since—at least not on the surface. The signs are still up. The area still has a plastic orange fence around it. The small

patch of land is still declared a hazardous spill.

But evidently something has been happening. There's been a lot of money spent in the name of the cleanup.

For instance, Owyhee County appropriated \$35,000 to the cleanup fund last April. There is only \$19,000 in the fund. What the other \$16,000 went for is unknown, according to the mayor.

Time has proven the \$2 million figure somewhat more than an exaggeration. But just how much has been spent is, at this point, not known.

The \$2 million pricetag for cleanup could now be as little as \$2,500.

It appears that the problem is nearing a realistic solution. And, after over three years, it's about time.

But in the meantime we still want to know how much has been spent and for what.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... but possibly of interest



At this moment twenty-five years ago, my father had less than two months to live. It wasn't fair. He never smoked or drank. He was always more physically fit than many men half his age. But cancer was killing him anyway.

One day we went to my parents' house, taking along our three darling daughters. The oldest was five, the youngest only five months. At some point during the visit I was sitting near Dad, who was resting in his favorite chair. He was so emaciated he barely had the strength to stand up. The pain he was enduring was obvious and constant. On the floor between Dad and me was our baby girl. Dad was watching her closely as she tried to roll around on the blanket. Despite his agony, the baby's antics brought a smile to his face.

A conversation between other visitors drew my attention from Dad for a moment. When I looked back, he was leaning forward in the chair, his face maybe three feet from our youngest child, who was looking up at him. In a soft voice only she and I could hear, Dad said, "I love you." There were tears in his eyes.

A quarter century later that moment is still vivid in my memory. It showed me a side of my father I had seldom seen previously. Dad wasn't one to show a lot of emotion. I cannot remember him saying straight out that he loved me when I was growing up. We all knew he loved us, but saying it just wasn't his style. When he said it to our youngest it was as if he knew he wasn't going to be around long

enough for her to understand his quiet love, so he wanted to make sure she knew—even though she was too little to remember his words. He wanted to make sure he was on the record.

I think I've always showed my emotions more to our children than my father did to me when I was growing up. But I've never been a really "huggy" sort of guy. I also regret that when our girls were small I sometimes was preoccupied with things that, in retrospect, really weren't that important. But as I grow older, I think I'm changing.

I was sitting on the floor next to our seven-month-old granddaughter who was playing on a blanket. She was practicing her speaking skills by whispering "da da da ma ma ma," looking at me with her huge blue eyes as she babbled. Just watching her give me more enjoyment than ninety-five percent of the experiences I have had in my life. I leaned over, kissed her on her cheek and whispered back, "I love you, Gracie." And I could feel my eyes get a little moist.

It wasn't the first time I have told our granddaughter that I love her, and it won't be the last. Hopefully, I'll be around, when she reaches an age she fully appreciates the meaning of those words. But I'm not taking any chances. I'm going to make sure I'm on the record. I'm not going to wait until the last minute.

Some things should be said, not assumed.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 18, 1979

Marsing Lions set meeting

The Marsing Lions Club will hold an informational meeting Thursday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. at the Homedale Bowling Alley.

The purpose of the meeting is to see if there is enough interest in the Homedale area, to organize a Lions Club chapter.

The public is invited to attend. There will also be a coffee and donut gab session.

Smorgasbord date nears

A heavy turnout is expected for the annual International Smorgasbord, sponsored by the Homedale PTA.

The Smorgasbord is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 27, from noon to 7:30 p.m. in the Washington Elementary School multi purpose room.

Tickets for the Smorgasbord are being sold by Homedale sixth grade students.

Ticket prices are \$12 per family; \$3 for junior and senior high school students and adults; \$2 for children grades one through six and \$1 for preschool children.

The special attraction at this year’s Smorgasbord will be a display of Owyhee County rocks and items made from stone. Anyone having items to display should contact Leah Bell of Joan Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Taggart are the general chairmen of this year’s event.

A variety of dishes from all parts of the world will be on the menu. There will be an American table, Mexican table, Oriental table, Hawaiian table, European table and teen table.

Hosts for this year’s event will be Ardis Nash, Robert Comstock, Mr. and Mrs. Taggart; Mr. and Mrs. Junior Uranga and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shipley.

Marsing hosts special meeting

A special meeting of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grade School Multi-purpose Room.

Special speakers at the meeting will be Mr. Blunk, Manager of the First Security Bank in Payette and the President of the Payette Chamber of Commerce. Blunk will speak on the problem Payette faced in losing business to Ontario. He will discuss ways Payette businesses handled the problem.

Bureau sets grazing fees

In 1979 the fee for grazing livestock on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management will be \$1.89 per AUM according to regulations being published in the Federal Register. Exceptions would be lands reacquired under the Bank head-Jones Act and certain lands in western Oregon. An AUM (Animal Unit Month) represents the amount of feed necessary to maintain one cow for one month. This will be the first increase in the grazing fee since 1976. In 1977 and 1978 it was \$1.51 per AUM.

Trojanettes dump McCall

Just about a year ago, McCall High’s highly touted girls basketball team had an unblemished season record. Then Homedale came to town. When the dust has settled, McCall was no longer undefeated.

January 13, the McCall girls came to Homedale sporting a 14-0 season record.

History sometimes repeats itself.

The Homedale girls, coached by Dean Vance, roared back from a 15-9 first quarter deficit to drop the central Idaho powerhouse 42-39.

The victory pushed Homedale into a tie for the Western Idaho Conference title. McCall and Homedale each now sport identical records. Unless one of the two clubs stumbles in the final four games, the top seed in the district tournament will have to be decided by a coin toss.

The win over McCall and a Tuesday evening win over Greenleaf, pushed Homedale’s home court record to 17 straight wins. The Trojanettes last lost on their home floor on Nov. 15, 1977. The opponent in that contest was McCall.

50 years ago

January 28, 1954

Marsing P.T.A. to sponsor Gem Dist. Court of honor Mon.

On Monday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Marsing high school, the Boy Scouts from four troops representing Homedale and Marsing, will receive recognition for their scouting achievement. Arlie Parkins, PTA president, states the Court of Honor planned is the best ever. He urges all parents and Scouters to be present.

Thirty-five Scouts are to receive awards during the Court of Honor. An impressive program has been arranged by the Gem District Scouters, Parkins stated.

High school news

The community dinner that the adult council has planned will be held on Feb. 12. The H-Club will set up the tables and chairs; the Pep Club will serve; the Honor Society will help with the advertising. This dinner is being given to benefit the high school. It is hoped that every one will turn out to make a success of this. The entertainment will be supplied by the music department of the high school.

The Key Club will fix up a bingo stand in one corner of the room and all profits from this will also go to the student body.

The student council pins were handed out this week to the students holding an office in the student council three or more semesters. Students receiving these pins were: Evie Olsen, Darlene Markley, Sally Phillips, Lyle Taggart, Ruth Burton, Nancy Weaver, Jim Hinton, Lee Townsend, Bonnie Parker, Bonita Powell, Margaret Waterson.

The new student body officers have been chosen for this semester: Nancy Weaver, president; Lee Townsend, vice president; Sally Phillips, secretary; Jim Hinton, Sgt. at Arms.

The students to make the honor roll this past nine weeks were: Seniors: Ruth Burton, Nancy Carpenter, Sylvia Herman, Evie Olsen, Bonnie Parker, Bonita Powell. Juniors: Donna Faulks, Jean Bloyd, Comer Brown, Gloria Carpenter, Carmen Carson, Myrna Friel, Anna Hoyt, Elsie Jesenko, Patsy Key, Dixie Louder, Marion Simpson, Donna Lee Tipton, Lee Townsend. Sophomores: Dan Adams, Helen Burton, Judy Carper, Bob Carrico, Sandy Corbett, Irma Douglas, Lucille MacArthur, Leona O’Neal, Sally Phillips, Dennis Regan, Grace Watson, Phyllis Neef. Frosh: Delia Brown, Kay Harris, Charles Dunn, Peggy Key, Mary Riese, Keith Stansell, David Townsend, Gay Walker, Shirley Walker, Teddy Neef.

Grade school

6th grade, Mrs. Richert, teacher.

This week, Lyle Peacock answers the door, Donna Cline cleans the blackboard, Janice Matteson checks desks, Janet Ross is librarian, Linda Brown takes hot lunch tickets. We got our report cards last Wednesday. The other sixth grade gave us a skating party the 22nd of January. We surely enjoyed it.

6th grade, Mrs. Regan, teacher, Johnny Uranga, reporter.

Jan. 22, our room gave the other room a skating party. There were about forty-nine present. We played games on roller skates and had lots of fun. Refreshments were served by our room Connie York, who was absent about 1 1/2 weeks, has returned to school. Our room lost in the spelling contest last week, and we wish to try harder this week. Shyla Thompson, who was absent about two weeks, returned to school. We drew some free hand pictures to decorate our east blackboard.

8th grade, Mr. Russell, teacher, Verna McLaughlin, substitute reporter.

The 8th grade boys will journey to Caldwell to play a basketball game Friday. The girls will remain to play a game with Houston Friday. Reporter Lavela Keech has been absent due to the death of her grandfather.

Music Dept., Mrs. Rencher, teacher, Judy Lewis, reporter.

Casting for the operetta to be given this spring by the 7th and 8th grades, is now in progress. The name of the operetta, which has two acts, is “Prince of Peddlers.” Actual work on the musical play will start as soon as leading parts can be assigned.

138 years ago

January 27, 1866

SILVER LEGION. This ledge is located on War Eagle Mountain. The discovery shaft is down 145 feet. Col. Fogus owns it, and from ten tons of rock taken from all parts of the shaft, (from top to bottom) he obtained over \$1100. This, like all other ledges, more than holds its own by development. We understand a large, mill will be erected early in the spring between the Cosmos and Jackson mills, to work the ore of this mine. It will prove a profitable investment.

SINCE our visit to the Morning Star mine, the shaft at the northern end of the tunnel has been sunk over sixty feet. The ledge has improved astonishingly in width and richness. It is now five feet from wall to wall and is almost pure sulphu ets. Ere long another run will be made on this ore. It will be remembered that the average of all rock crushed from this ledge gave over \$208 per ton.

RETURNED. Hon. E. J. Worley and O. H. Purdy, Esq, have returned from the Capital after a forty days’ Territorial service. They complain of being well pleased with Silver City life as compared to one in the Capital with the cares and burdens of legal labors. Jolly Dick (Miller) has returned, and his clients are elated. Glad to see all the boys around.

WILL COME OFF. Harry Cooper’s Sparring Exhibition will take place tomorrow at 2 o’clock P.M., in Silver City. This is a very judicious hour, and favors the pious portion of the community who are not satisfied with the service on the Sabbath. Harry bears the reputation of delivering striking discourses. He has been known to bring tears from even his opponents.

CREEK MINING. The rain and warm weather of the present week have has the effect to bring out the gumboot gentry hibernating on the banks of Jordan. A ditch has been opened through the town of Ruby, north of this office, and men were at work in the creek opposite. We presume the creek towards and below Boonville is being looked after in like manner. We argue that, notwithstanding Jordan Creek placers have seen their best days, the market for the dust in Blackfoot renders them of one-third more value than ever heretofore. There is “no foolishness” about this; there are serious thoughts entertained by many creek miners to save their bright dust for the Blackfoot market. A premium of \$6 per ounce is not to be picked up in “these diggings”, and while the Blackfoot market is open to our \$12 stuff, we say “play’em for all’s out.”

THE WEATHER for the past week has been a “January thaw” in Owyhee. One week ago tonight rain began to fall and continued to do so until late Sunday night, by which time the Jordan was swollen to a higher water mark then has been known in Owyhee for a year. On Tuesday the rain renewed its grip for ten or a dozen hours, and with the assistance of several warm sunshiny days, the granite walls on the east side of the creek are rendered quite bare in many places. We have heard of no objections to this.

REJECTED. Hill Beachey’s proposal to the P.O. Department to carry the mail from Boise City via Ruby to Humboldt City, Nevada, up till July 1, 1866, has been rejected; and the mails ordered sent via Salt Lake City. This is quite handy, only about a thousand miles out of the way. Generally we like to have things go as far as possible, but this matter please us too well.

ACQUITED. John Wilson Pratt, the individual who killed Anderson on Sinker Creek, a few weeks ago, was a record time arraigned before Justice Miller and examined on the charge of murder, and acquitted for want of evidence to sustain the complaint. The killing was not denied, but willful murder was not proven.

FESTIVAL. The Sabbath School festival will come off Monday evening next. The toys have recently arrived, and the material to finish the Church on the inside. The stove is up, the building neatly decorated with evergreen wreaths, festoons, and the American Flag. The choir have had several rehearsals, and the melodeon will be moved into the Church today.

Public notices

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 Fore-
closure 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 prop-
erty described in said Judgment
and Decree of Foreclosure and to
apply the proceeds of such sale
to the satisfaction of said Judg-
ment 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 HOME-
DALE, 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, HOME-
DALE, 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 suf-
ficient 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 Fore-
closure 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 sub-
ject to redemption from the pur-
chaser within six months after
the sale by the Plaintiff or other
redemptioner pursuant to Idaho
Code § 11-402.
Parties desiring further infor-
mation regarding the location
of the real property described
herein should contact: Hol-
ger 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 COUN-
TY, IDAHO
By: /s/R. Freund
1/14,21,28/04

NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING
FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
LAND TO THE OPALINE
IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-
EN, that a petition for annexation
of land into the Opaline Irriga-
tion 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 GIV-
EN, 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 Direc-
tors’ meetings, 9265 Jaca Lane
at 7 p.m. on February 3, 2004,
and show cause in writing, if any
they have, why the lands men-
tioned should not be annexed to
said district.
This notice is submitted ac-
cording to 43-1003 of the Idaho
Code.
Angela L. Jensen
Secretary
896-5273
1/14,21,28/04

COUNTYCOMMISSIONERS
BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2004
OWYHEECOUNTY COURT-
HOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO
Present were Commissioner
Harold Tolmie, Commissioner
Dick Reynolds, Commissioner
Chris Salove, Clerk Charlotte
Sherburn, Assessor Brett En-
dicott, Doris Jewett, and Jim
Desmond.
The Board amended the
agenda to include the follow-
ing items for decision: Letters
to Weed Department Person-
nel, Modification of Assistance
Agreement with BLM, Resolu-
tions on outside legal counsel,
Sub-basin plan, Amendment to
Re-Appportionment Plan.
A motion was made by Com-
missioner Salove to re-appoint
Commissioner Tolmie as Chair-
man of the Board. Commissioner
Reynolds seconded the motion.
The Board called for Reorga-
nization for 2004. No changes
were made.
The Board approved Jerry
Hoagland to be a participant on
the planning team for the North-
west Power Planning Council’s
Upper Middle and Lower Middle
Snake Subbasin Assessment.
The Board approved a re-
quested raise for an appraiser in
the Assessor’s office from an 8B
to 8C.
The Board of County Com-
missioners convened as Board
of Equalization. There being
no business they adjourned as
Board of Equalization and re-
convened as Board of County
Commissioners.
The Board met with William
Wellman to request his services
as outside legal counsel on pend-
ing issues. He agreed to represent
the County as needed.
Larry McDaniel met with the
Board on the Murphy Flat Road.
Discussion was held with no ac-
tion taken.
The Board moved and ap-
proved Resolution No 04-01 Re-

garding the selection of Attorney
William Wellman to represent
the Board of County Commis-
sioners in the matter of a Judicial
Review requested by St. Luke’s
Hospital of the Board’s decision
on an Indigent and Charity ap-
plication.
The Board moved and ap-
proved Resolution No 04-02 Re-
garding the selection of Attorney
William Wellman as additional
legal counsel to advise the Board
of Commissioners in the matter
of Appeal of the Planning and
Zoning Commission decision on
the application for Conditional
Use Permit by Larry Flynn.
The Board approved and
signed the Modification of Assis-
tance Agreement with the BLM
for an extension of the Wildland
Fire Mitigation Plan.
The Board moved to approve
letters to the weed personnel re-
garding pro-rating of their medi-
cal benefits.
The Board moved to approve
the minutes for the January 5th-
meeting.
The Board moved to sign the
Verification of Petitioner for Re-
Apportionment to add the 2002
Commission submitted by Runft
Law Offices.
The Board took action on the
following Indigent & Charity
cases presented: I.C. Case No.
04-01 the Board approved a lien
to be filed I.C. Case No. 03-45
the Board approved payment of
all medical bills, with reimburse-
ment. I.C. Case No. 03-51 No
action taken I.C. Case No. 02-33
the Board approved an assign-
ment to Catastrophic.
The Board moved into execu-
tive session on a personnel mat-
ter. No action was taken.
The Board approved the Ac-
cessibility Grant Application for
the Probation Department in the
amount of \$3,446.
The Board approved the re-
quest from Doris Jewett on a pay
increase for the Tracker Position
for the Probation Department.
The increase was from a 3A to
a 5A.
There being no further busi-
ness the meeting was adjourned.
The complete minutes can be
viewed in the office of the Clerk,
Auditor, Recorder.
Harold Tolmie, Chairman
Attest: Charlotte Sherburn,
Clerk
1/28/04

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 commis-
sioners 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.
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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 candi-
date so his name will appear on
the ballot, nominating papers
must be presented to the secre-
tary 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 Decem-
ber 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 Home-
dale 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 prop-
erty 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 re-
ceived 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 OF HEARING
CASE NO. CV2004-04386
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
APPLICATION OF: **NEREIDA**
AGUIRRE,
FOR CHANGE IN NAME.
A petition by NEREIDA
AGUIRRE, born November 18,
1970, at Mission, Texas, now
residing at 6895 Highway 95,
Marsing, Idaho, proposing a
change in name to NEREIDA
RODRIGUEZ, has been filed in
the above entitled Court. The
reason for the change in name
being is to restore Petitioner to
her former name. The name of
the Petitioner’s father is JOSE
LUIS RODRIGUEZ SR., resid-
ing at 6895 Highway 95, Mars-
ing, Idaho. Such petition will
be heard at the Owyhee County
Courthouse, 20381 State High-
way 78, Murphy, Idaho, on the
1st day of March, 2004, at 3:
00 p.m. Objections may be filed
by any person who can, in such
objections, show to the Court
good reason against such change
of name.
WITNESS my hand and seal
of said District Court this 15th
day of January, 2004.
CHARLOTTE SHERBURN
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT
By: Lena Johnson, Deputy
GREGG E. LOVAN- ISB No.
1762
Attorney for Petitioner
LOVAN ROKER, P.C.
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. SP-04-01984
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, DENNIS S. MURDOCH, Decedent.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have appointed personal representatives of the above named estate; that all claimants having claims against the above named decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims will be forever barred; and that such claims must either be presented to the undersigned personal representatives of the estate at the address stated below, or be filed with the above named Court.

DATED: JAN 16, 2004
Scott Murdoch
Personal Representative
Lorrie Murdoch
Personal Representative
c/o Richard B. Eismann
Attorney at Law
3016 Caldwell Boulevard
Nampa, ID 83651-6416
1/28-2/4,11,18/04

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE**

**Trustee Sale Number:
61502-F**

**Loan No: 1001414612
TSG: 2030296**

On May 18, 2004, at 11:00 AM of said day, in the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, ID 83650, First American Title Insurance Company, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the county of Owyhee, state of Idaho, and described as follow to wit: In Township 2 north, range 4 west, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, section 35: east one-half of the west one-half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter. APN: RP-02N04W356770-A. The trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of compliance with section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of HC 79 Box 966 Opaline Rd Melba, ID 83641, is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale

will be made without covenant or warranty, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Deirdre M Wilson, a married woman as Grantor(s), with DMI, Inc as beneficiary on a Deed of Trust recorded 4/17/2001 in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho as Instrument No. 235630. The above grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments of \$1,855.87

due from 8/1/03, together with late payments and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$226,885.22 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate described by the Promissory Note from 4/10/01. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. January 15, 2004 First American Title Insurance Company By: Attorneys Equity National Corporation, as Agent Title: Veronique Lara, Vice President 23721 Birtcher Drive Lake Forest, CA 92630 Phone (949) 707-5543 P209324.
1/28-2/4,11,18/04

**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 Febru-

ary, 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

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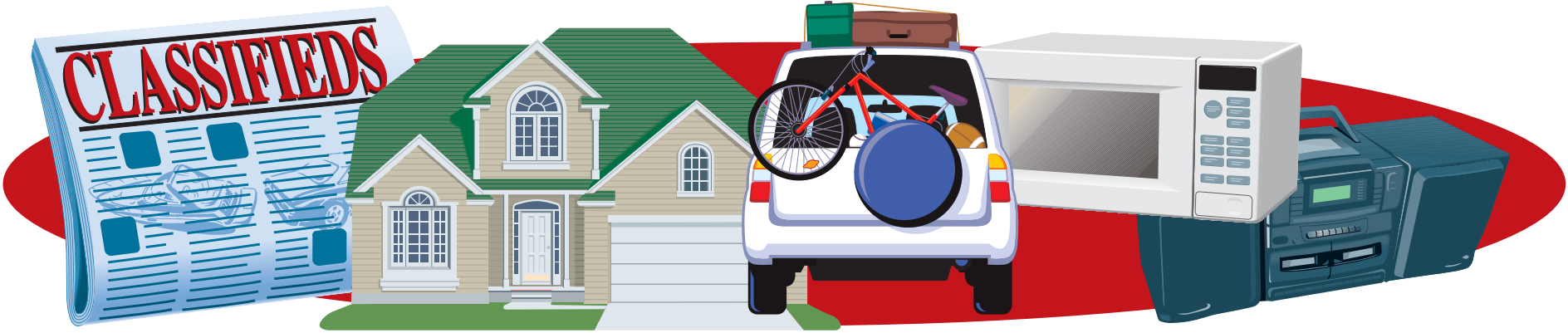
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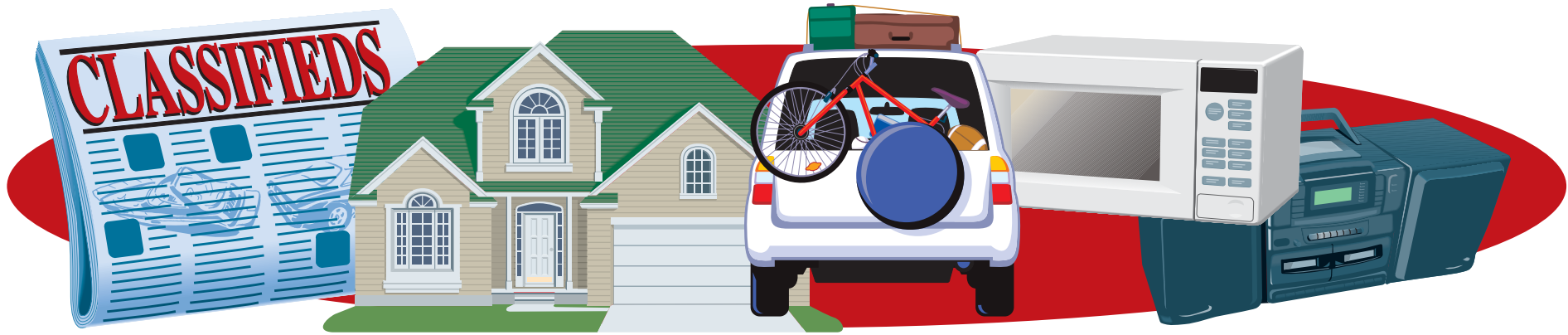
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THANK YOU
Our sincere thanks to family and friends for cards, phone calls, food, flowers, donations and all expressions of sympathy in the loss of our dear Mom and Amuma. Special thanks to Father Oscar and the ladies groups at St. Hubert's Catholic and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Churches. Dave and Margie Aberasturi, Jack and Jeri Aberasturi, Manuel and Lynda Aberasturi, Steve and Rayme Linder and families.

I would like to thank the Marsing Fire Dept. for their quick response to the fire in our home Dec. 18th, they did a wonderful job of getting the fire out before it could get to the shop. We would also like to thank our friends and neighbors for all their help and concern. Thank you all, Wade and Debbie
The Dennis Murdoch family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the community of Grandview/Oreana for their comfort and support during our difficult time. The service was exactly what Dennis wanted and the condolences, food, and well

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