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HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

**SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS** 

## State to take over investigation of city's books

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said last week that the State Law Enforcement agency has been asked to take over an investigation into questionable accounting practices and expenditures in the city clerk's office.

Questions arose days after Fink took office in January due to missing receipts and computer entries. He said the city discovered "discrepancies" in record-keeping on a credit card and other undisclosed concerns.

Fink said the past five years' bank statements have been requested from the bank for the investigation.

Fink said that when he took office a city credit card had an outstanding debt of \$480. Last week it was paid by someone other than the city.

"We have gone back to the company and found exactly what was purchased and whose signature is on those purchases. A payment has been made on that card, but I would prefer not to reveal at this time who may have made the payment."

Fink said the credit card was the city's, but it was not the city that made the payment. He said the person who made the payment does not work for the city any longer, but again, he refrained from naming the person who made the payment due to

the investigation.

"What I would like the people to know is I and the city staff and council are doing everything we possibly can to go through this paperwork and try to sort out the mess that we are in," Fink said. "We want to come up with a solution to this mess."

Fink said the city has requested assistance from state law enforcement officials and he said he feels the case will proceed with possible charges filed in the future. He would not disclose what charges would be filed or on whom they would be filed. He said due to the ongoing investigation, he would prefer to answer further with "no comment".

# Disaster auction raises record-breaking amount

Coordinators of this year's Marsing Disaster Auction said "unofficially" Monday that the auction raised nearly \$62 thousand, which is about \$15 thousand higher than the record amount of nearly \$48 thousand.

Coordinator Dusty Clover said the day started slow, but picked up very quickly. He said over 500 people attended the event and the unofficial total was \$61,880 was raised.

Winners of the \$1 ticket sales drawing were Phyllis Baldwin, the half beef, Jack Peterson won the \$250 shopping spree, Rose

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## International Smorgasbord draws hundreds

Last weekend's International Smorgasbord in Homedale drew a large crowd and sold over \$6,000 in dinner tickets. Though final totals were not available Monday, coordinators said the event was again a success.

Local sixth grade children sold dinner tickets and had sold \$4,685 by Thursday. The Homedale Drive In, Reel Time Video and The Dug Out in Nampa donated prizes for a weekly award given to students who sold the most tickets throughout the week.

Thursday, Ryan Ryska sold \$1,337.50 for Mrs. Warren's class, Megan Harper sold \$239 for Mrs. Warren's class and Megan Romans sold \$215 for Mr. Hann's class. Mrs. Warren's — to page 3



**Signs of progress** 

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink removes a skull and cross bones sign from a gate at the Homedale Airport Sunday. A hazardous waste, dinoseb, was discovered in the soil at the airport several years ago. Sunday the soil was removed from the area and transported to Grand View for disposal. Fink said the completion of the project is only the beginning of changes residents in the city will see with a new administration.

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# Local teens burned

Two Homedale teens were seriously burned Saturday night in the desert approximately two miles west of Graveyard Point south of Homedale. Details Monday were sketchy, but sources say Michelle Uria and Shawn Gibbs were transported to West Valley Medical Center and were later flown to a Salt Lake burn center.

An Owyhee County dispatcher said Monday that the ambulance and a Homedale Police officer were dispatched to the fire department for a burn victim. The victims had been transported to that location by other youths who had been with them. She said Malheur County Sheriff's Office was informed of the accident due to it happening in Oregon.

Malheur County Undersheriff Brian Wolfe said Monday that he had not had the opportunity to review the case but would release more information as it became available.



Cattlemen meet

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Austrian open house this Saturday

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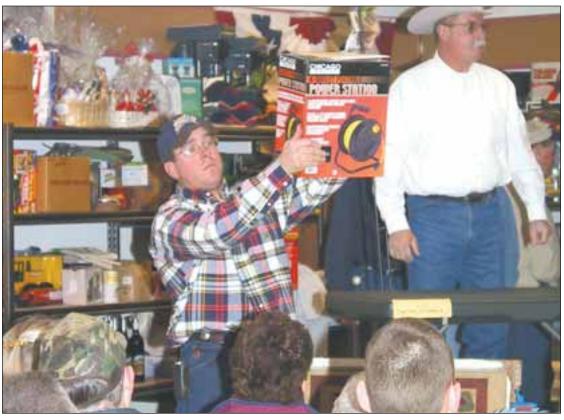
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#### Going, going, gone

Auctioneer Bob Hopkins stands with volunteer fireman Tim Dines as they auction a donated item during last weekend's Marsing Disaster Auction held Saturday. A record breaking \$61,880 was raised in the daylong event.



#### Up for bid

Ryan Dines holds up an item that is auctioned during last weekend's disaster auction in Marsing. Food, drawings and donated items helped raise over \$61,000 in the fundraising event.



A youngster shows his father plenty of reasons why he should bid on a mini tractor for him during last weekend's Marsing Disaster Auction.



What: Wild horses are available for adoption on a first-come first-serve basis, now through March 14 at the Boise BLM corrals. Select your horse between noon and 6:00 pm Monday through Friday until March 5, and every afternoon from March 8 through March 14. A non-competitive fee will be charged for each horse.

Where: BLM horse corrals, south of Boise on Pleasant Valley Road (4 miles south of the junction with Gowen Road).

Adopter Requirements: Potential adopters must be at least 18 years of age, have facilities consistent with BLM requirements, have no history of mistreating animals, and must have an adoption application approved by BLM. Applications may be approved at the corral site.

For additional information, contact Sam Mattise at (208) 871-1979 or 384-3356, or Joan Howard at 384-3437.

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#### **√Auction**

Brooks won the butchered hog and Eleanor Howard won the Boise get-a-way. Six thousand six hundred and sixty dollars in tickets were sold for the drawing.

In the \$10 ticket raffle, Jeff Kinney won the Ruger 22-250, Dusty Clover won the Rhino gun safe, Alan Couch won the computer system and Donna Mount won the Lee Read shopping spree. Ticket sales totaled \$9,080.

Ethan Salove won the ticket sales contest and won an X-Box. Theresa Eells won \$100 for second place and Sean Finlay won a stereo system for third place. The overall drawing winner was Constance Zanardi. She won \$100.

A special remembrance for Mike Percifield was held with three items being donated in memory of Mike. A wreath was given to the family and a Yankee sweatshirt and hat, a flowering crab apple tree and a rocking chair, donated by mike's granddaughter Delaney raised over \$2,500.

Clover said he wanted to thank everyone for making the event such a success.



#### Dinner is served

*Elida Rios serves handmade tacos during the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Marsing Disaster Auction Saturday.* 



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## √ Smorgasbord

class was the top selling class with \$2,730.

In addition to international cuisine, participants were treated to a gift basket auction with over 32 baskets donated from various people. An art show was also available with artistic designs, paintings and photographs from residents, students and other individuals.

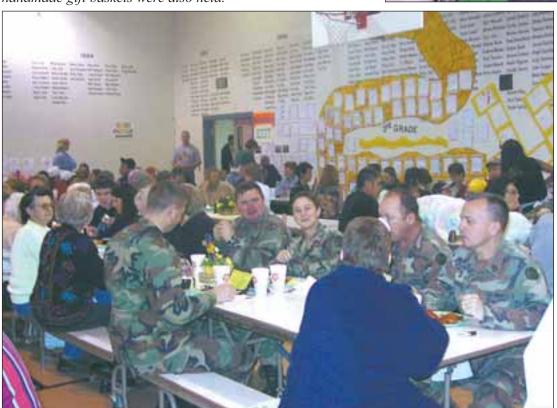
This year's coordinator Sherry Romriell said the dinner was very successful. She said although ticket sales were slightly lower than last year, the total raised would be close to as much as in years past.

"I just want to thank everyone who donated their time and efforts in the event," Romriell said. "I think the weather kept some people home, but overall I think it was a success."

Final results were not available Monday, but will be published at a later date.

#### **Service**

(Below) Military personal join in on authentic cuisine during last weekend's International Smorgasbord in Homedale. Over 2,000 dinner tickets were sold. An art show and an auction for handmade gift baskets were also held.







#### Mexican food

Mexican food was one of many items offered during last weekend's International Smorgasbord in Homedale.



A variety of bread was served at the bread booth during the International Smorgasbord last weekend.

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## Homedale Airport freed of hazardous waste

Mayor says records scattered, accurate

totals cannot be found In April 2001, it was reported that a hazardous waste spill discovered at the Homedale City Airport could cost over \$2 million dollars by the time the engineering, testing and removal process was complete. Last week, over \$55,000 later, the city received approval from the Department of Environmental Quality that the pesticide, dinoseb, soaked soil could be disposed of from the airport for under \$2,500 by a local hazardous waste disposal company, U.S. Ecology. Sunday the long awaited process of removing the waste was complete as trucks capable of handling hazardous material hauled the soil to Grand

Originally former Mayor Harold Puri ordered the airport closed, posted skull and cross bone danger signs and fenced off sections of the airport with caution fence to keep people out of the area because of concerns to the city's liability. Sunday the fence came down, the signs were removed and the airport is nearly back to normal.

Brian R. Monson, Hazardous Waste Program Manager Waste Management and Remediation Division for DEQ submitted a letter to the City of Homedale approving the disposal of approximately 36 tons of dinoseb soil and material.

"Based on review of a Janu-

Member



#### Disposal

A crew from Environmental Management Solutions from Meridian takes the first scoop of hazardous waste from a site at the Homedale Airport that has been blocked off from the public for three years. EMS loaded about 36 yards of dirt and waste, which was transported to US Ecology in Grand View for disposal.

ary 29, 2004 letter, it appears that adequate characterization of the site has occurred to determine the highest level of dinoseb at 20.4 ppm," Monson reported in the letter dated Jan. 30, 2004. "Concerning the method of disposal at the US Ecology site near Grand View, the contaminated soil and material does appear to meet the required levels for the alternative Land Disposal Restriction treatment standards. DEQ concurs with disposal of the dinoseb contaminated soil and material at the

U.S. Ecology site." DEQ also waived a \$20 ton disposal fee, under the Idaho Code, for the

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said US Ecology agreed to transport the soil and dispose of it for about \$2,500. He said Sunday that final process of removing the soil would cost the city about \$5,000.

Now the problem Fink and the council are dealing with is finding the records that show exactly how much money has been received, paid-out and what is left to pay for the project.

"The books are in such a mess that I can not even think about telling you how much money has come in or gone out," Fink explained. "I have no idea how much has been spent on that project or even what has been done. I really only know about the testing, but there are no records of anything else. It is really hard right now to know where we are. I just hope the people of the city will be patient until we can sort this mess out."

A letter dated Nov. 20, 2002

to the county commissioners from the City of Homedale includes a breakdown of cost from Oct. 9, 2001 through Oct. 9, 2002. The letter states that the city had spent \$49,542.19 to HDR, the engineering company, for the "clean-up of the Homedale Airport." It shows other expense incurred as \$3,460 for fencing, \$670 for signage, \$584 for safety equipment and \$976 for legal process, for a total of \$55,232.19. But Fink said other than the letter, no records can be found as to what has been spent, received or is owing.

Deputy City Clerk Marsha Hays said Wednesday that the only information that can be located at this time is that in 2002 the State of Idaho, Department of Environmental Quality issued a reimbursement check to the airport fund for \$6,434. She said in 2003 they received two additional checks from DEQ, one for \$1,529 and another for \$1,635. The Idaho Department of Transportation issued a reimbursement check for \$15,464. She said other than those deposits, no other records of reimbursements or airport funding have been found.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said two checks for a total of \$35,000 had been sent to the city in April of last year to help with the cleanup project when city officials said the project was sort the funds for the removal of the contaminated soil.



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## Open house this Saturday for Austrian settlers' 90th reunion

On Saturday, Feb. 14, an open house will be held to honor the two remaining survivors of the original Austrian group in a 90th anniversary celebration. The open house will begin at 2 p.m. and will run until 5 p.m. Cake and finger desserts will be served and non-alcohol beverages will be available. The family will also serve "Potica," a Slovenian nut bread.

On Feb. 14, 1914, seven Rock Springs, Wyoming families, the Marcheks, Dolences, Kushlans, Miklovichs, Jesenkos, Demshars and Cegnars, departed a train in Homedale looking for the promise of a better life.

Jennie Demshar Jereb was nearly four years old when she arrived with her family in Homedale and Fannie Kushlan Mrak was only two years old when her family arrived with the others. Coordinators of the event said they would like to invite the public, family and friends to join in the celebration.

#### Baseball team to serve chili

The Homedale High School baseball team will be holding a chili feed on Wednesday, February 11 from 4:15-9 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The cost will be \$1.50 for one bowl of chili with all the toppings or \$2.00 for a bowl of chili along with three cookies/ brownies.

The boys' basketball teams will be competing against the Nampa Christian Trojans on senior night Feb. 11. The varsity game will begin at approximately 7 p.m. The freshman and junior varsity teams will compete prior to the varsity team.

### Jordan Valley seniors auction Valentine baskets

The Jordan Valley Senior Class of 2004 will have Valentine Baskets on display to be auctioned this Saturday night during half time festivities of the varsity boys basketball game against the Adrian Antelopes.

The junior varsity boys and girls' games will begin at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and the varsity games will be at 5 and 6:30 p.m. This will be the last home game for the Mustangs and will be senior night before they head into district tournaments.

Jordan Valley basketball seniors are Shari Baltzor, Asa Beckwith, Julie Eiguren, Drew Elsner, Bryan Grenke, Pat Hipwell, Katie Johnson, Mindy Johnson, Mike Johnson, Ryan Mackenzie and Anna Watkins.

All funds raised from the Valentine basket auction will be used toward the senior trip planned in April. This year the class plans to travel to Hawaii for its senior trip.

### Senior Citizens news

#### **Homedale Senior Center**

Feb.12: Roast Pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, apple sauce, rolls, salad, dessert.

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## Anonymous donor challenges MHS alumni and friends

An anonymous donor has challenged fellow Marsing Huskies and their supporters by making a donation of \$30,000 towards the construction of an addition at the Owyhee County Historical Society museum complex. The challenge is for Marsing High School alumni and friends to meet or exceed the donation between Feb. 6 and the end of Murphy Outpost Days, which is June 6.

All donations are tax de-

ductible and will be placed in a restricted account to be used only for the construction of the new complex building project. The new building will be 6,400 sq. ft., which will be added on to the existing museum building. Ground breaking is planned to be in late spring of 2004.

All donations of \$25 will be recognized on a plaque in the museum, including special recognition for the class that contributes the most. All

donations of \$75 or more will receive a 4x8 inch commemorative tile on the Walk of Fame and a plaque to be placed in the museum.

Should the \$30,000 match be met or exceeded, a room in the new museum building will be named for the alumni of the school.

For more specific details contact Dr. Thom Couch or Vivian Good at the museum at 495-2319.



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## Obituary

#### Frederick Jackson Cooper

Frederick Jackson Cooper, 78, of Homedale, passed away Sunday, February 8, in the Veterans Hospital in Boise. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene on the corner of Ustick

and Batt Corner Roads, Wilder.



Fred was born February 1, 1926 in McConnelsburg, Pennsylvania where he was also reared and educated. At 17 years old he joined the U.S. Navy and served 4 years in World War II as a gunners mate. He returned home from the war to marry Naomi Ruth Johns on October 24, 1947. The couple lived in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for 19 years before traveling across the States to Kuna with their 8 children. They later moved to the Homedale area where they

made their permanent home. Fred attended the Bible Missionary Church where he served as Sunday school superintendent and music director for over 25 years. He loved fishing, horseshoes, reading and barbeques with his family.

Fred is survived by his loving wife Ruth; 4 sons, Fred Jr. of Austin, Texas, David of Nampa, John of Homedale and Bob of Wilder; 1 daughter, Carol Kelley of Homedale; a brother, Guy of Homedale, 3 sisters, Norma Shives and Clarene Rosenberry of Chambersburg, PA and Edith Hall of Richmond, VA; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, in-laws, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Anna Cooper, 3 brothers, 3 sisters, 2 sons, Brian and Richard and 2 daughters, Ruth Ann and Sara Jean "Jeannie".

## **Death notice**

#### Ralph G. Eason

Ralph G. Eason, 81, of Jordan Valley, Oregon, died Friday, February 06, 2004 at a Nampa hospital. Services are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.



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## Marsing school board modifies block schedule

Students at Marsing High School will see a change in the block scheduling for classes they attend every day next year as the school board approved a modification to the scheduling beginning next year.

District Superintendent Dr. Harold Shockley asked the board to change the current block schedule that is known as a four by four schedule, to a one plus three by three class schedule. Shockley also recommended that the district require that economics be a full year class, instead of only a semester class as offered in the past. He said the class of 2005-2006 would be required to take the class a full year, but senior class students in the 2004-2005 school year would be encouraged to take the class.

The new schedule will include a tutorial class beginning at 7:55 a.m. until 8:31 a.m. for students who are struggling in certain classes. The class has been offered on a volunteer basis in the past, but now the class will be a requirement to some students. Shockley said by requiring the class the kids failing, the class will be an assigned class. He said the kids will be rotated if they are failing in more than one class.

"What it modifies is the number of credits a student can earn in their high school career. I feel, at this time, that a change is needed to help the students who are in need of remediation in math and reading," Shockley stated of the block schedule change. "The first period would give the ability to group the students who need help. They would have this class every day, giving the students an additional 50 hours of instruction during the year. It would also help in bringing up the ISAT scores for AYP."

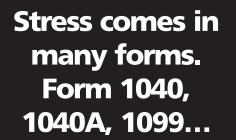
The first class will start at 8:34 a.m. Shockley said some students will not even be required to arrive at school until the later time, but he said it will also give kids who are failing an incentive to pass classes so they will have the option of arriving for classes later.

"We want to be proactive," Shockley said. "What we looked at, we have some of our kids who are not performing where we would like them to be. In some cases it isn't that they choose not to and some is that they need some extra help. What we want to do is when we have kids walk out of our doors we want them to be functional in society."

Lisa M. Knight, FACS Educator, presented a portfolio for the Consumer Economics course that will be offered to seniors next year and required to seniors the following year. She said that she would strongly encourage the plan "not only for an enriched learning environment but for a stronger financial future."

The plan includes economic concepts, career development, financial development, future skills development and reality check for the first semester. Resume writing, writing and balancing checks, credit card information and future home decisions are included in the curriculum. The second semester includes personal development, stock market game, and SMG international economic summit.

"We want the kids to have the skills to function properly," Shockley said. "Reading, writing and math are cornerstones to society."



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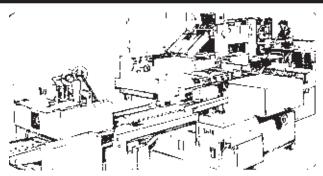
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## School menu

February12-18

#### **Marsing**

Feb.12: Sloppy Jo sandwiches, fruited jello, vegetables, milk, corn dog w/fixings, fresh salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, fresh baked roll.

Feb.13: Chicken nuggets, fruit, vegetables, chocolate pudding, milk, soup/sandwiches, fresh salad bar 4th-12th, fresh baked roll.

Feb. 16: No school.

Feb.17: All American hamburger, fruit, baked potato wedges, milk, Caesar chicken wrap, fresh salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, fresh baked roll.

Feb.18: Beef nuggets, mashed potatoes, fruit, carrot sticks, milk, Red Baron pizza, fresh salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, fresh baked roll.

#### Homedale Elementary

Feb.12: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, peaches, frosted brownie, milk.

Feb.13: Pizza or uncrustable peanut butter/jelly sandwich, tossed salad, pineapple, cookie, milk.

Feb.16: No school.

Feb.17: Nachos/cheese or baked potato/toppings, veggies, banana, no bake cookie, milk.

Feb.18: Turkey/noodles or tuna sandwich, green beans, mandarin oranges oatmeal cookie, milk.

#### Homedale Middle

Feb.12: Burrito or hot pocket, vegetable, fruit, dessert, or salad bar, milk.

Feb.13: Nachos, fresh veggies, fruit, cookie, or baked potato/salad bar, milk.

Feb.16: No school.

Feb.17: Sloppy Jo or weiner wrap, green beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

Feb.18: Chicken tender or CF beef stk, mashed potatoes/gravy, hot roll, fruit, milk.

#### **Homedale High**

Feb.12: Chicken patty or hamburger/bun, fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Feb.13: Chicken taco or tst. Cheese/soup, corn, fruit, milk.

Feb.16: No school.

Feb.17: Chicken nuggets or hot dogs, rice, green beans, fruit, milk.

Feb.18: Idaho haystack or burrito, salad, fruit, cinnamon roll, milk.

## Dist. II Leaders' Assoc. to hold mini-forum

A mini-forum, sponsored by the District II Leader's Association for all 4-H leaders, teens, parents and interested individuals will be held at the Marsing

Elementary School on Feb. 28. The forum will be broken into three sessions beginning at 9:15 a.m. and ending at 2: 30 p.m.

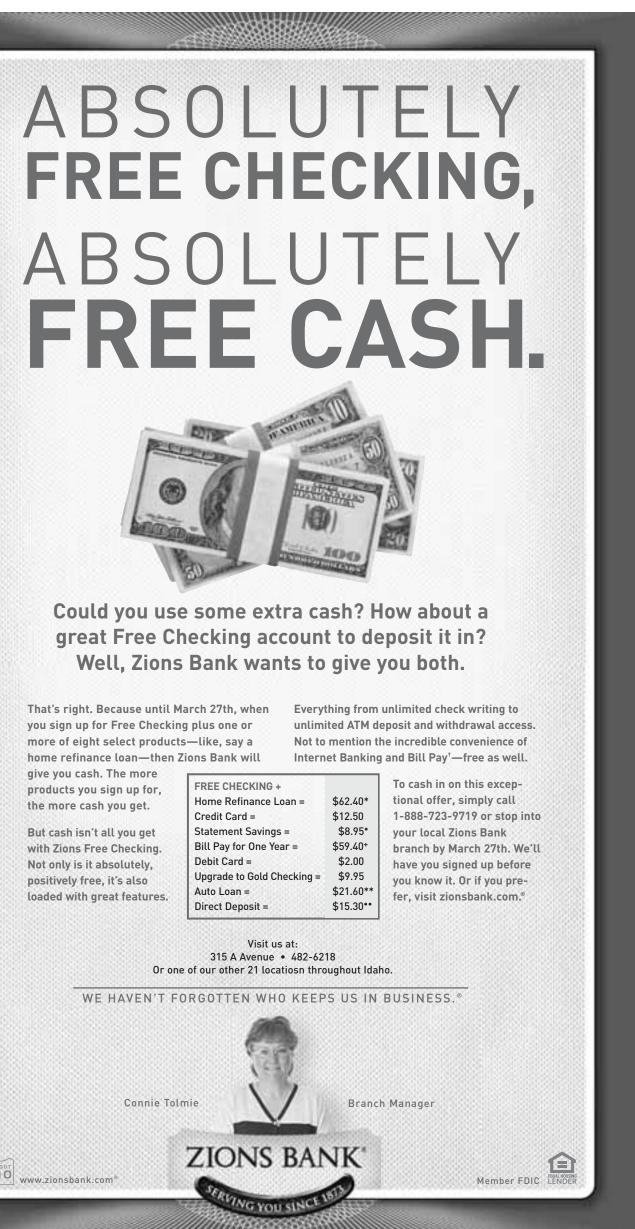
Registration fees include lunch, which is being provided by the Stitch 'n Stir 4-H club. The forum is an opportunity for leaders and teens to continue and expand their 4-H knowledge or training as well as meet new people in 4-H.

Registration will begin at 8: 30 a.m. The first session will start at 9:15 a.m. The second session will begin at 10:45 a.m. and the third session will begin at 1:15 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

Pre-registration is \$10

for adults and \$8 for teens. Pre-registration must be postmarked by Feb. 20. Fees at the door are \$15 for adults and \$10 for teens. Lunch will cost \$5.

Registrations should be sent to Debbie Lowber at the Canyon County Extension Office box 1058 Caldwell, Idaho 83606.



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## Initiative, animal identification top winter convention

The Owyhee Initiative and Saturday. animal identification topped the 2004 Owyhee Cattlemen's winter convention in Oreana



#### Animal health

Idaho State Veterinarian Dr. Clarence Siroky speaks to cattlemen during last weekend's annual winter convention in Oreana.

#### **BLM** extends time on commercial recreation permits

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is amending its regulations on Special Recreation Permits and Recreation Use Permits to provide better customer service to the public, reduce administrative paperwork, and provide consistent law enforcement at fee sites on BLM-managed federal lands.

The maximum term for Special Recreation Permits, now issued for up to five years, has been doubled. The new rule does not automatically set the term of all permits at 10 years, but simply allows field managers to select an appropriate term for up to 10 years. The BLM will consider the purpose of the permit, the needs of the permittee, and the public interest in determining the appropriate term.

The amendment of regulations for Recreation Use Permits for Fee Areas establishes that the BLM will cite and penalize persons using campgrounds and other fee areas if they do not, obtain a permit, pay necessary fees, or display proof of payment according to BLM instructions posted at the site.

Cattlemen's president Tony Richards opened the ceremonies at 1 p.m. and also was the winner of the silver bit drawing. Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman drew the ticket for the bit.

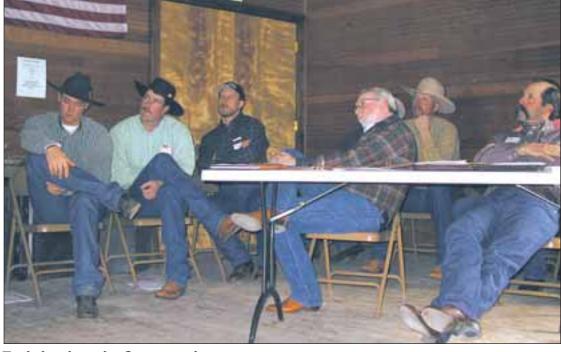
Richards said the cattlemen have been working on a variety of issues including the initiative, BLM proposed grazing rules and animal identification.

Dr. Chad Gibson opened the program with an update of the initiative by saying that although progress has been made on the Initiative it is still not complete. Gibson said issues concerning wilderness areas, water issues and road access are still being discussed.

Dr. Neil Rimbey and Dr. J.D. Wulforst from the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences presented documentation on Ranch Level Economic Impacts of Public Land Grazing and Regional Economic Impact Model of Owyhee County.

Dr. Clarence Siroky, Idaho State Veterinarian gave a presentation on animal identification. He said changes are in the works on individual identification so state officials may be capable of tracking animals from birth to death.

The Cattlemen handed out a draft of comments to the proposed rule on livestock grazing on public lands. They stated in the release that they agree with the effort to reduce the participation of the interested public in daily activities associated with grazing administration. But they said



#### Initiative information

Cattlemen Chris Johnstone, Jaime Wood, Brad Huff, Pat Stanford and Cattlemen secretary Eric Morrison listen to Dr. Chad Gibson's update on the Owyhee Initiative during last weekend's annual winter meeting in Oreana.

increasing paper load carried by BLM personnel is contributing to the gridlock, which prevents positive grazing management changes.

"We agree that the change in definition for Grazing Preference is needed and will improve clarity," the statement reads. "We often run into confusion even among BLM staff as to the definition and meaning of "Grazing Preference" and "Permitted Use."

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## Huskies seek district title with wins of Hdale and NP

Marsing's Lady Huskies are Kent, Kent rebounded her one step closer to realizing a dream of a district championship with a fourth quarter 48-44 victory over the New Plymouth Pilgrims in the second round of the 2A District III girls' basketball tournament in Ontario.

The spree began for the Huskies with a big 54-43 victory over rival Homedale in the opener at Treasure Valley Community College. Marsing connected on 22 of 29 free throws and left Homedale at 7 of 16.

Breeana Chadez led Marsing with 20 points including an 8 for 11 at the free throw line. M.J. Usabel added 16 points in the attack and Amanda Stewart gave eight points and seven rebounds.

Usable threw Marsing into a big lead in the fourth quarter with a three point shot from the outside. But Homedale closed the gap beginning with a jumper from Gloria King.

Homedale's Shannon Batt slammed one of her four three pointers and closed in on the Huskies 33-39. Alicia Mackenzie gamine on a jumper to take Homedale to 36-41.

Marsing closed the game on an 11-5 run sinking seven of eight free throws. Stewart finished with five points in the run.

Coming in as the No. 1 seed, and a first round bye, New Plymouth came out hard, scoring the game's first six points, and looking to sail to another victory over the Marsing Huskies.

Marsing scored seven straight points to take a one point lead, before the Pilgrims scored another field goal, to lead the Huskies 8-7 at the end of the first quarter.

This is how the game went until the final four minutes. New Plymouth would stretch out its lead to eight or 10 points, but Marsing would battle back, never letting the Pilgrims (16-5 overall) regain the lead.

Marsing's Amanda Stewart was fouled while shooting a field goal. After the ball dropped through the rim, Stewart hit the free throw, to bring the Huskies within one point.

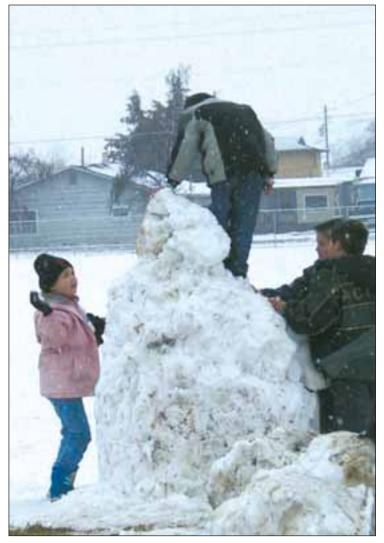
On New Plymouth's next possession, they turned the ball over, as Marsing now had a shot to capture the lead for only the second time of the game. After a missed 3-pointer by Marsing's Tori

own miss and dished the ball off to Breeana Chadez for a lay-in, as Marsing took a 41-40 lead.

On the inbound play, Marsing threw a touchdown pass to M.J. Usabel for a lay-up, as Marsing extended their lead, taking only six seconds off

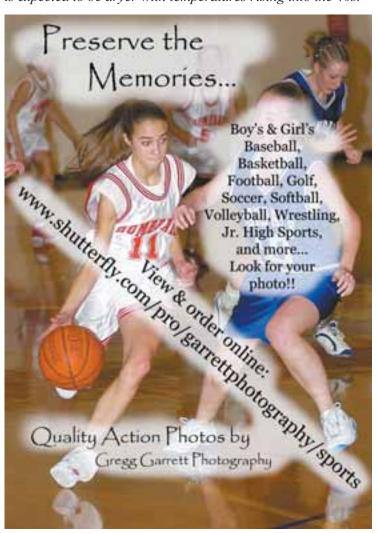
A jump ball gave the ball back to Marsing, and once again shot 1-for-2 from the line, to go up three points.

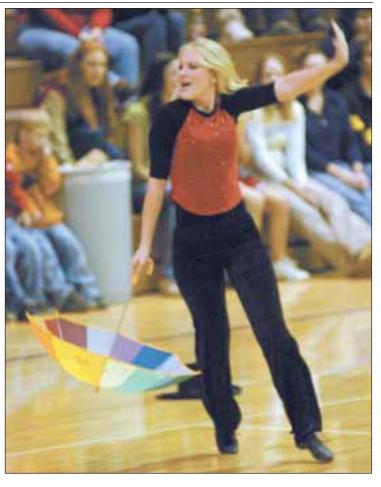
Melba upset Nampa Christian on Saturday and will face the Huskies in a championship round on Thursday afternoon in Ontario.



#### Snowman

Children at Homedale Elementary School build a snowman during a recess after one of several cold fronts moved through the area last week dropping several inches of snow. This week is expected to be dryer with temperatures rising into the 40s.





#### Halftime entertainment

Lacey Vander Boegh dances to the music in a recent halftime routine of the Homedale Highlights dance team. Photo by Gregg Garrett.





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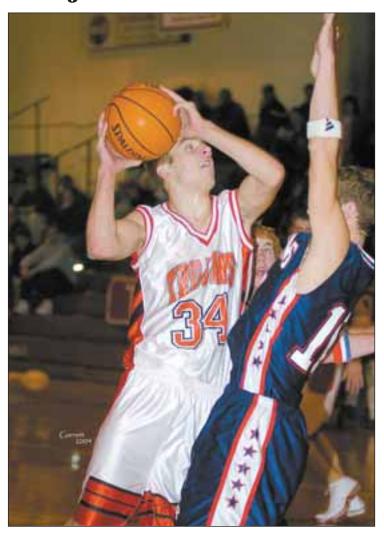
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## Trojans outscore rival Pilgrims and Melba in hoops



#### Rival victory

Matt Landa goes up for 2 of his 10 points in Homedale's 55-46 league win over the rival New Plymouth Pilgrims. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

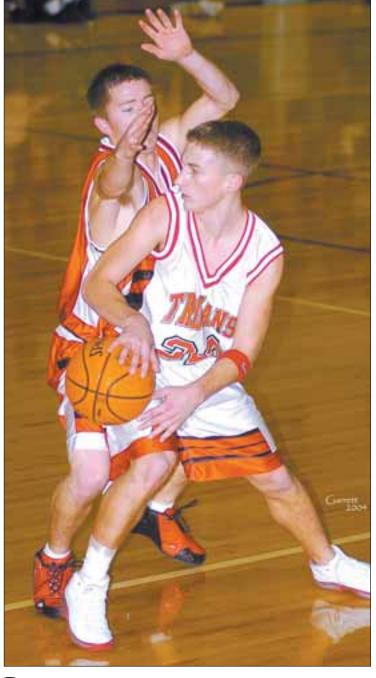
Homedale overcame a five point halftime deficit to outscore New Plymouth 55-46 Tuesday night in a 2A Western Idaho Conference boys basketball game. On Saturday they continued a winning week with a 74-61 victory over the Melba Mustangs.

Homedale trailed 26-21 at the break, but outscored the Pilgrims 34-20 in the second half for the win and ended the Pilgrims' five game conference winning streak.

Clay Haylett led the Trojans with 17 points including 11 of 12 from the free throw line. Matt Landa and Nick Williams added 10 points respectively.

Homedale hosted Melba on Saturday and Matt Nauman scored six points during a fourth quarter spree to scinch the victory.

Haylett went 11 of 12 at the line and finished with a game high of 24 points. Nauman finished the game with 14 points and Landa sunk 11 points for the victory.



#### **Pass**

Accessories

Clay Haylett prepares to pass inside to a teammate during the Homedale/Melba matchup. Haylett scored a game high 24 points to lead Homedale to a 74-61 win. Photo by Gregg

## Trojans overpower Parma, place third at Weiser tourney

Homedale waited many years for this day to arrive and last week they finally worked to overpower the Parma Panthers on the mats. Homedale sent Parma home with a 56-12 win in 2A Western Idaho Conference wrestling.

The powerhouse Trojans didn't stop with Parma as they took a third place victory at the Weiser Tournament over the weekend against a variety of upper ranked teams.

The victory over Parma was

not only a night to honor the teams' seniors, but it was also a chance to beat a team they have not beaten in 30 years.

The Trojans won 10 of the 13 matches with Jeremy Ensley, Brandon Sitko, Marcus Eby, Ricco Gonzalez, Joe Foster and Thomas Obregon pinning their opponents to the mats.

Tyler Christoffersen and Mark Mashburn scored victories with Christoffersen making a technical fall against Josh Harrell and Mashburn making a technical fall over

Eric Nielson.

In Weiser, Skyview took the first place trophy with 173 points over Weiser at 153 and a half and Homedale narrowly trailing at 142 points. The win pitted Homedale against district rival New Plymouth by 55 points.

"I hope this is an indicator for how state may go," Coach Toby Johnson laughed. "We also beat 4A powers Vallivue and Mountain Home and several 3A and 2A schools. We were just a couple matches away from second place Weiser."

Ensley took a first place trophy at 112 pounds. Teammates Eby, Garcia and Foster won second place at 135 pounds, 275 pounds and 171 pounds. Pedro Hernandez took a third place win at 215 pounds and Christoffersen placed fourth at 125 pounds.

Stuart Miyasako, Kyle Carson and Josh Jolley placed in the top six.

"Kamiah and Orofino are two of the stronger 2A schools in the state and we beat both of them by 64 points or more," Johnson said. "Things seem to be shaping up nicely for the Trojans as they head into district and state competitions.





From left: Salmon With Strawberry-Mango Salsa, Wild Rice Salad With Citrus-Ginger Vinaigrette and Frisée Salad With Strawberries

## COOK UP **A LITTLE**

## VALENTINE'S DAY **DINNER FOR TWO**

nstead of competing for restaurant reservations on Valentine's Day, prepare a romantic dinner for two at home. Even a kitchen novice can create a four-star meal for a sweetheart with a few simple recipes.

California strawberries put true romance on the menu with their vibrant red color and heart-like shape. Begin with *Frisée Salad* With Strawberries, followed by a main course of Salmon With Strawberry-Mango Salsa served with Wild Rice Salad With Citrus-Ginger Vinaigrette. A light, fluffy Ricotta Souffé With Amaretto Strawberries adds a perfectly sweet ending.

Pouring the wine sets the mood for a relaxing meal. Sutter Home

Winery Chef Jeffrey Starr offers his advice for choosing a wine for this special meal. "Select a wine that highlights the flavors of the meal without overpowering them. For this Valentine's Day menu, I'd choose White Zinfandel or Sauvignon Blanc. Their light, fruity flavors balance the spice of the salsa."



#### Wild Rice Salad With Citrus-Ginger Vinaigrette

Created by Chef Jeffrey Starr of Sutter Home Winery Prep time: 15 minutes

- cup cooked white rice cup cooked wild rice
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion 2 tablespoons chopped red
- bell pepper
  1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped mint
  1/4 cup coarsely chopped, toasted
  macadamia nuts
  2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar 1 tablespoon soy sauce 1 tablespoon minced garlic 1 tablespoon minced garlic 1 tablespoon minced garlic 1 tablespoons Dijon mustard

- 1 1/2 teaspoons brown sugar 1/4 cup Asian sesame oil Salt and pepper

In large bowl, mix white and wild rice, green onion, bell pepper, mint and macadamia nuts. In small bowl, whisk orange juice, vinegar, soy sauce, garlic, ginger, mustard and sugar until thoroughly blended. Whisk in sesame oil; season with salt and pepper. Pour over rice mixture and stir to combine.

Makes 2 servings

#### Salmon With Strawberry-Mango Salsa

Created by Chef Jeffrey Starr of Sutter Home Winery
Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 6 to 8 minutes

Strawberry-Mango Salsa:

1 cup quartered, stemmed California strawberries

1/2 cup diced mango

1/4 cup diced red bell pepper

2 tablespoons diced red onion

1 1/2 tablespoons rice vinegar

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- 2 teaspoons chopped mint 1 1/2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 1 to 2 canned chipotle chiles in adobo, rinsed, seeded and finely minced\* Salt

#### Salmon:

Makes 2 servings

(6-ounce) skinless salmon filets

tablespoon olive oil

Salt and pepper To make salsa, in bowl, combine strawberries, mango, bell pepper, onion, vinegar, mint, sugar and chipotles; stir together gently with rubber spatula or wooden spoon. Season with salt.

Refrigerate, covered, up to 8 hours.
Preheat broiler. Brush salmon on both sides with oil; season with salt and pepper. Place on baking sheet. Broil salmon 4 inches from broiler element 4 to 6 minutes or until done. Transfer to 2 plates and spoon Strawberry-Mango Salsa over salmon.

Ricotta Soufflé With

Amaretto Strawberries



#### Frisée Salad With Strawberries

Created by Chef Jeffrey Star of Sutter Home Winery
Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 5 minutes

Verjus Vinaigrette:
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon minced shallot
1/2 teaspoon minced thyme

- 1/2 teaspoon minced parsley 2 tablespoons verjus\*
- tablespoon walnut oil Salt and pepper

- Salad: 1/2 cup walnut halves
  - tablespoon sugar Kosher salt
  - cups frisée lettuce, washed
  - 1 cup sliced, stemmed California strawberries

3 ounces creamy blue cheese or mild goat cheese, crumbled In small bowl, whisk mustard, shallot, thyme,

parsley and verjus. Slowly whisk in oil. Season with salt and pepper.
In skillet over low heat, heat walnuts, stirring

frequently, about 2 minutes or until hot. Sprinkle with sugar and cook, stirring constantly, about 2 minutes or until sugar melts and nuts are well coated and toasted. Transfer to bowl and season to taste with salt. Stir frequently while cooling to prevent nuts from sticking together. To assemble, in large bowl, toss frisée with just

enough verjus vinaigrette to coat lightly. Mound frisée on two plates, dividing equally. Toss strawberries with remaining vinaigrette: arrange on frisée. Sprinkle cheese and walnuts on top.

Makes 2 servings

Wine and dine

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with a fruity Pinot Grigio. For dishes with seafood or cream-based

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sauces, try a buttery Chardonnay ■ Try roasted or grilled chicken with the

\*Verjus, a tart liquid made from unripe grapes, is available in specialty stores. If unavailable, substitute 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar.

#### Ricotta Soufflé With **Amaretto Strawberries**

From California Strawberry Commission Prep time: 25 minutes Cook time: 45 minutes

#### Amaretto Strawberries:

- 2 cups (12 ounces) sliced, stemmed California strawberries
- 3 tablespoons amaretto (almond liqueur)\* 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

#### Ricotta Soufflé:

- Softened butter, for soufflé dish Granulated sugar, for soufflé dish

- cups (1 pound) part-skim ricotta cheese cup granulated sugar eggs, divided tablespoons unseasoned dry bread crumbs tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract 1/4 cup chopped, toasted almonds Confectioners' sugar, for garnish
- Amaretto Strawberries (recipe follows)

To make Amaretto Strawberries, in bowl, gently stir all ingredients together to dissolve sugar; refrigerate

covered, up to 3 hours.

To make Ricotta Soufflé, heat oven to 375°F. Generously butter a 4-cup soufflé dish; coat with sugar, shaking out excess. In bowl of electric mixer, beat cheese, granulated sugar, 3 eggs and 1 egg yolk, bread crumbs, flour and extract until thoroughly blended. In small bowl, whisk remaining egg white until stiff but not dry; gently fold into cheese mixture. Pour into prepared soufflé dish.\*\* Bake in center of oven 40 to 45 minutes or until puffed and lightly browned. Cool on rack at least 5 minutes or up to 1 hour. Loosen edges with knife and invert onto serving plate with a wide rim; sprinkle with almonds and dust with confectioners' sugar. Serve with Amaretto Strawberries.

Makes 4 servings

\*1/2 teaspoon almond extract can be substituted for

the amaretto.
\*\*For individual soufflés, use four 1-cup soufflé dishes; bake 20 to 25 minutes.

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Melt 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips according to package directions. Dip fresh, whole California strawberries in chocolate to cover about 3/4 of each berry. Lay on a waxed-paper-lined baking sheet and refrigerate until set.

#### Strawberries in Balsamic Vinegar

Mix 1 pint sliced, halved California strawberries with 2 tablespoons EACH balsamic vinegar and sugar. Refrigerate for 1 hour and serve

For more "berry-romantic" recipes, visit www.calstrawberry.com.

## Looking back...

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

#### 25 years ago

#### **February 8, 1979**

#### Weather woes continue

Weather continues to be one of the main topics of discussion in Idaho as the cold spell that began at the first of the year continues.

"Cabin Fever" appears to be reaching epidemic levels as snow and cold keeps local resident inside.

Weather experts say the situation has been made worse because of the unusually heavy blanket of snow. The snow acts as a reflector, preventing sunlight from reaching soil. Normally, the ground absorbs heat during daylight hours and gives it off at night helping to keep temperatures up.

The continuing below normal temperatures are also causing problems in some areas as the frost level creeps further beneath the surface of the ground. In some area cities, residents have been warned to keep a small stream of water flowing from a tap to prevent pipes from freezing.

Weather experts are also looking ahead nervously toward the time when the thaw begins. If temperatures rise rapidly causing surface snows to melt before the ground can thaw, flooding could result in many areas.

#### **Trojans top Huskies**

A cold, cold first quarter dashed any hopes of a major basketball upset Friday evening as the Marsing Huskies fell to neighboring Homedale 74-41 in a contest played at Marsing.

The Trojans, who went into the game with four season losses and 11 wins, took any chance of victory away from the Huskies early, outscoring their opponent 19-4 in their opening quarter. Marsing played it close in the second and third periods, but a final stanza surge by Homedale increased the margin of victory.

Despite the win over Marsing, Homedale's chances of repeating as Western Idaho Conference are slim unless league leading McCall stumbles. Coach Garry Matlock and his cagers still have four tough contests left on the schedule.

#### Trojan girls face McCall

The moment of truth is near for the Homedale High Girl Basketball team, as the District A-3 Tournament enters its second week at the Marsing High school gymnasium.

The Homedale girls finished the regular season with a 19-1 record, the one defeat coming at the hands of powerful McCall. McCall finished the season with an identical 19-1 mark after being ambushed in Homedale January 12

Tonight, (Thursday), at 8:30 p.m., Homedale and Mc-Call will go at each other for the third time this season, with the winner taking home the district basketball crown.

Homedale coasted by Parma Thursday evening 52-26 and dropped Melba 43-34 Saturday night.

Marsing, who was a 69-44 loser to Fruitland in its first tournament game, came back to eliminate Rimrock 50-35 in the second round. Ramona Usable led the attack with 14 points and Tami Young was also in double figures with 10. Lois Strickland had 12 points for the losers.

#### Derby successful

A good time was had by all January 30 at the annual Pinewood Derby, sponsored by the Homedale and Wilder Cub Scout dens.

Lee Carney of Den 2, Homedale won the eight-yearold competition with second place going to Jason Fogg of Wilder.

First place in the nine-year-old contest went to Fred Siebold of Homedale. Chris Carson of Homedale was second.

Tommy Fogg of Den 3, Wilder was the 10-year-old winner with Rick Carson of the Homedale Webloes, second.

#### 50 years ago

#### February 11, 1954

#### New National Guard armory building in Homedale is a Possibility

The possibilities of a new armory building for Owyhee county to be constructed at Homedale was discussed Tuesday night a the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the Tango Annex.

General Walsh, commandant of the Idaho National Guard, Boise, was on hand along with Col. Bennett, Col. Bevington and Captain Brooks of Nampa to explain the program by which the national government cooperates in the construction of National Guard facilities by allocating 75 percent of the cost. The remaining 25 percent is to be raised on the state level.

In discussing the plan for an armory building here, it was pointed out that one adequate for the 91 men and five officers of the local guard unit would cost about \$50,000. An architect's plan of such a building was displayed so that chamber members could take a look at what may be approved for construction here.

There seems to be some doubt that the remainder of the money can be raised without either a special tax levy or a bond election.

Senator Adam Blackstock made the statement that he thought an equitable obligation for such a building would be 60 percent by the county and 40 percent by the city of Homedale.

#### Junior high'ers organize; elect

The Homedale Junior high student body was organized and the officers are as follows: Bill Lehner, president; Teddy Davenprot, vice president; Jane Nanve, secretary; Nancy Parker, treasurer; and Paul McGinnis, sergeant at arms. A pep assembly will be held Wednesday from 9 to 9:45. The purpose is to build up the school spirit for the tournament.

#### **Bruneau River District formed**

The Bruneau River Soil Conservation District became a reality on Wednesday, February 3. The board of supervisors organized with gene Davis, Bruneau, selected as chairman; Morgan Shaw, Grandview, vice chairman; Carl Agenbroad, Bruneau, secretary and treasurer; Harold Smith, publicity. Ed Riddle, of Riddle, was selected associate supervisor representing the Riddle, Grasmere and Owyhee Indian Reservation communities.

Assisting in the organization were J. V. Briggs, Owyhee county agent; Liter Spence, extension conservationist; L. M. Williams, extension supervisor; Marvin Benson, district soil conservationist.

#### New repairman now with Wilson's

Herman Koeing, an expert watch repairman, is now employed by the Wilson Jewelry store. Mr. Koeing, his wife and 4 year old son recently arrived here from Holland, Germany.

In Germany, watch making, is considered the highest profession and it takes nine years to receive a masters diploma. Mr. Koeing spent four years in study, then served five years as an apprentice before he could receive a diploma. He then worked for three years as a foreman in a large watch repair shop over 14 men. For two years before coming here, he operated his own shop in Germany.

Mrs. Koeing is a cousin of Mrs. Hank Sweep and Mrs. E. J. Van Slyke.

#### Marsing

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Welty of Sunny Slope, Saturday, Feb. 6, a baby daughter.

Maggie Cooper, long time Marsing resident, moved from her home in Marsing to a new home in Caldwell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prescott entertained several friends Wednesday evening at their home, the occasion in honor of their little son, Richard on his 4<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary.

#### 138 years ago

#### **February 10, 1866**

FEED. If parties in Boise, Powder or Grand Ronde valleys have feed to sell, they can get nearly their own price for it in Owyhee. Barley is now selling at 25¢ per pound in coin and 30¢ in dust. It is feared that quartz teams will be obliged to stop for want of feed, and thus oblique mills to quit crushing. California farmers will do well to bring in several hundred thousand pounds for summer use. There is no fear of it becoming a drug at high prices. We are informed that the grain is not in the valleys of Idaho or Oregon, this side of the Cascade Mts., to supply the spring and summer demands; and if not supplied from California, it is next to certain it won't be done from any where.

GONE. John Gawne, the California flour man, has departed for San Francisco. During the summer and fall he brought to Owyhee in the neighborhood of 200,000 lbs. of flour, and from the sales realized a nice little fortune. There is no surer way for Californians to make a fortune than by shipping staple products to Idaho. There is no danger of the market being glutted for the next twelve months, so come along. Mr. Gawne returns to California via the Webfoot Nation, and as soon as we can hear of his having safely passed its joy, muddy, and sandy obstructions, we'll relate on some of our Oregon population.

A SABBATH SCHOOL was organized in Silver City, on last Sunday. Twenty-one children were present, and it was not generally known, or there would have been a larger number. There are days when children could neither go from Ruby to Silver, and vice versa; therefore it will best accommodate all by having a school at each place. Rev. L. Case assisted in the organization and will extend aid towards its prosperity. All good citizens should do likewise.

HONS. Bohannon, Barnes and Carter, members of the recent Legislature, have returned to their constituents. Mr. Bahannon being a member of the Council, holds his seat for another Session, while Mr. Barnes and Mr. Carter take their places as private citizens, for the present. Until the Journals are printed, it would be a difficult to pas upon their actions a correct judgment, as but few of their votes or remarks have been published.

DR. E. SMITH, of Boise City, is now on visit to Owyhee. The Dr. is somewhat more resigned than when here before, but he manly bears his resignation. He intends to enlarge his drug business both in Silver and Ruby, and will, with his family, make his home here abouts next summer. The Dr. is convinced that Owyhee is the place for business. Dr., we appreciate your thoughtfulness to bring us later papers than did either the mail or express.

THE RECENT MILD, rainy weather has started ye hardy miner down the creek to make his spring and summer arrangements. A number of hand-sleds loaded with tools and grub passed our office during the week. Hope they'll bring the sleds back next winter laden with clean creek dust, and be forever happy.

THE WEATHER mill has been running on rain, sleet, and wind, alternately, during the week, with heavy results

CHAS. MCMAHON, on Thursday, fell into a shaft on the Silver Legion ledge eighty-three feet deep. He was badly damaged notwithstanding an experience of a similar descent on a pervious occasion. He will probably recover

BEACHEY has commenced making thru trips to Ruby with his stages. At present but two trips a week will be attempted. New stations will be completed in ten days, the stock will be better cared for and as soon as the roads get good, trips will be more frequent and regular.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY. A meeting of citizens of Owyhee took place in the Probate Court Room on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of making arrangements for the celebration of the 22d of February, Washington's Birthday. Judge Davenport was elected Chairman and T. G. Murphy Secretary.

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense

A good horse

He spent his last year living a horse's dream, being loved by a little girl.

A \$400 dental bill at age 25 extended his life. I've owned many horses, he's the only one I've ever buried on my place. His greatest trait was that he had try.

"He was hard and tough and wiry, just the sort that won't say die..." was how Banjo Paterson put it in <u>The Man From Snowy River</u>.

He made a good cowman out of my daughter, won her a buckle in the team penning. He never placed in the halter class, always a little overweight, a might short. I took a lot of hoorahin' from the well mountedboys at the roping arena.

"But still so slight and weedy, one would doubt his power to stay and the old man said, 'that horse will never do...' ibid.

But after runnin' 20 steers he was still bursting out of the box, givin' his all, while the other boys were changin' horses or skippin' turns. And solid? Let me tell ya, even with my horseshoeing skills he stayed sound. Everytime I'd buy another horse, and like I said I bought many, he'd become my backup.

"He wasn't my best but he was my ace." McWhorter, Blackdraught.

He was 13 when we bought him. He'd done ranch work and become a Little Britches all around. When he was 17 he took my son for his first ride at age 0.

"A kid's horse needs a cool head. And with wise of Skeeter between their knees they was safe as if in their own beds." McMahan, Skeeter

At age 22 he moved to the ranch with us and started checkin' cows in the brush and rocks. My nephews and nieces and tenderfoot friends were his students. Never a plug, boss at the bunk, a voracious eater, he finally wore down. Despite the dental work and soft feed, his muscles melted away. But his spirit remained. That's when we found him a little girl. She weighed less than a saddle and block of salt. He stumbled a little at the trot but she looked like a rodeo queen on his back.

"... To see a fine lady upon a white horse..." Ride a Cockhorse Anon

Now he's gone. Died in the night. Just quit breathin'.

"Amigo my friend, so true to the end Eras buen caballo, amigo my friend." Buffham and Fleming – Amigo

I said a few words over him. Now I've got to go tell the kids.

Joe Aman

## Editor's notebook

#### You auto be mine



for a five-year-old boy. The year was 1949. Because of the hard winter, we had moved from our ranch on Hart Creek to a rental house at Oreana. Owner Jim Nettleton let us stay there, and our family of five and Gene Lewis crammed the necessary belongings and ourselves in the small two bedroom bungalow. Baby Sister Sue had joined the family the previous November, and Big Brother Pete was in his second year of school. I was five.

alentine's Day is a day for romance. Even

Across the road a stone's throw away was the Oreana school. Although I was not a student, I spent considerable time at the playground with the other eight or ten kids. I stockpiled rock-laden snowballs so Brother Pete could pelt Tim or Gene or Mike when recess time came.

But the best part was seeing the teacher. For the life of me I can't remember her name. I do remember, however, that she was from King Hill.

She was beautiful. I was in love. I was constantly drawing pictures for her in my childish, five-year-old way. And she always thanked me for them, telling me how wonderful they were.

Then came that great day! It was Valentine's day, and I was sick with the flu. After school, Miss Whatever-her-name-was came across the road and delivered an envelope to me. The anticipation was beyond description as I tore it open.

My first real Valentine! And from that beautiful teacher! And delivered in person!

The card was shaped like a car. The paper wheels actually turned, fastened to the card by those little brass clips that spread in the back. Across the top, in a wonderfully-bright red heart were the words: "You Auto be Mine!"

It's been 54 long years since that day. Time has changed a lot of things. The school house is gone. It burned down years ago. Jim's little house has been replaced by a manufactured home. I don't know whatever happened to that teacher. But I can still remember that warm, tingly feeling I got each of the millions of times I cradled that car-shaped card in my hands.

Wayne Cornell

## Not important ... but possibly of interest



didn't see the entire Super Bowl this year. I don't consider it a "game." There is so I much hype around the event that it ends up being more in the line of entertainment--like the Academy Awards--than a true sports contest.

It was no surprise to me that the most talkedabout part of this year's Super Bowl wasn't the game. It was the MTV-produced half-time show that ended with Justin Timberlake ripping off part of Janet Jackson's top, exposing a breast. I didn't see it happen--I have only seen the censored reruns. And while seeing Janet Jackson's breast probably wouldn't offend me as much as seeing her brother Michael's bare chest, the stunt wasn't appropriate. The performers say it was an accident. I say bull.

The Super Bowl incident has caused a storm of controversy, with a lot of people saying it's time to put some restrictions on what goes out over the airways. The Hollywood crowd claims it's their right of freedom of expression. They say if viewers don't want to watch, they can turn off their TVs. Personally, I think the event has ramifications far beyond those two points of view.

On September 11, 2001, radical Muslim terrorists killed a whole bunch of innocent people. The attack was aimed at what the terrorists call "The Great Satan" -- America. The terrorists tell the people of the Muslim world that American society is decadent--that it is poisoning the morals of the entire world. Our leaders say, "No, that's not the case! America stands for freedom and good. The terrorists are lying!"

Before the Super Bowl, reporters bragged that

it is the most watched event in the world, seen by an estimated one billion people in almost every country on Earth. If that is the case, what better venue to show these folks in other lands what makes this country great?

So, on Super Sunday, what do people watching in far away lands see of America? They see a ratty-looking guy cutting a hole in the American flag so he can wear it while he is singing. They see two other singers gyrating around the stage. Even if they don't understand the lyrics of the music, all the bumping and grinding against each other doesn't require translation. Then out comes the

Here we are World! Here's the real America! Ain't we something!

In Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Indonesia and dozens of other Muslim nations, people watching the broadcast from America look at the scene on stage at the Super Bowl, turn to each other and say, "You know, the terrorists aren't lying! Americans are immoral and decadent. Their society is a threat to the our values."

The real irony here is that the people in the entertainment industry who pedal the kind of crap seen in the Super Bowl halftime show are the same folks who condemn the way our government has handled the war on terror. They are the ones who argue that the way to stop terrorism is to find out why so many people in the world hate us so, and correct the problem. Well, I've got a real good idea

Super Sunday was a day of shame for America.

## Commentary

## Letters to the editor

#### Great news

Matthew Faulks is running for Owyhee County Prosecutor!

Great news for the law abiding citizens of Owyhee County. Bad news for the crooks and drug dealers. I had heard the rumor, but had not seen it in print. Let's all get behind Matthew Faulks and get him elected Owyhee County Prosecutor. I know the family and they know what hard work is and they thrive on it.

Sincerely, P. T. Rathbone Remote Outpost Siberia

#### Voters beware

The Democrats are blaming Bush for our jobs going over seas plus food etc! It wasn't until Democrat Clinton signed the free trade bill that the mad cow disease came to the U.S. as of late 2003? Closing the road to the timber stopped our logging, the saw mills shut down putting the employees out of work. The EPA said stopping logging will protect our habitat, from what God only knows.

The EPA should have to pay the habitats taxes and pay the sawmill workers unemployment? Orily said on Fox news that EPA is now wanting to shut down the farmers irrigation pumps to protect the Bull Trout. The dummy's don't know if the farmers go broke there will be no food on the tables. I guess we can always have contaminated food shipped from overseas on the free trade bill.

If Kerry, Kennedy and other democrats don't have the guts to back our President in time of war, they should not be our leaders. Bush should at least get a medal for getting rid of Saddam. Finding the mass graves in Iraq should tell you what a SOB Saddam is.

If the government gives the EPA any more power the USA is in a world of hurt. Even we old fools believe in clean air and water.

Creighton Kelly Homedale

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## Accuracy in media

## Kerry lies about homosexual "marriage"

Cliff Kincaid is Editor of the AIM Report.

Desperate to shed the label of Massachusetts liberal, Senator and presidential candidate John Kerry claims that his position on homosexual marriage is the same as that of Vice President Dick Cheney. Kerry says, "Vice President Cheney has the same position I do." The media have failed to note that this is a blatant lie. In an exclusive interview published by the Denver Post on January 11, Cheney said "he would support a presidential push to ban same-sex marriage" and that "recent action by courts in Massachusetts and other states that recognize gays' rights to the civil benefits of marriage has caused the administration to revisit the need for a constitutional amendment." By contrast, Kerry opposes any federal action to stop homosexual marriage.

In the past, Cheney did say that it was a matter that should probably be left with the states. But that opinion was uttered before the Massachusetts Supreme Court ordered the legislature to give marriage benefits to homosexuals, and before the implications of this decision were considered on a national basis

Last November Kerry urged the state legislature to comply with what the Massachusetts Supreme Court had said and impose civil unions. Kerry said he favored civil unions but opposed homosexual marriage. But he also said on NBC's Meet the Press in 2002 (after being cornered by Tim Russert) that the people had a right to vote on the state amendment that was proposed then banning homosexual marriages. But when the Democratic Party violated the law and refused to vote on the amendment and put it on the ballot, he kept quiet and failed to mention it again. If he and his fellow Democrats had acted, Massachusetts would be having a statewide referendum for an amendment in November this year to ban both gay marriage and civil unions.

Kerry now says that, "I personally believe the court is not right." But he did nothing to give the people of his state the right to vote against it. He wants to have it both ways □ in the same way that he's been bashing special interests while taking money from lobbyists.

In a recent column, E.J. Dionne of the Washington Post took exception to the use of the term "Massachusetts liberal" against Kerry. He said that his blue-collar hometown of Fall River, Massachusetts was "pro-family" and "as conservative in its values as you could imagine ☐ family, church, neighborhood, hard work and patriotism were the drill." The problem is that their politicians and media do not share those values.

Consider the response of the Boston Globe to the decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Court on February 4 that the state must grant marriage licenses □not just civil unions □to

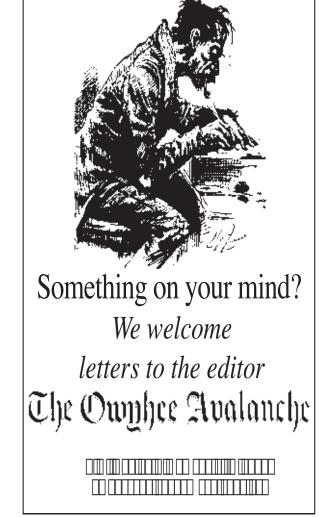
homosexuals. It welcomed the ruling in an editorial that urged the legislature to ignore the people and not to pass a constitutional amendment banning homosexual marriage.

Attorney Ed Pawlick's new book, Libel by the New York Times, makes the case that the Boston Globe and the New York Times have played key roles in forcing the acceptance of homosexual marriage on the state through biased, distorted and even libelous reporting. The Globe is part of the New York Times Company. His book tells the story of Margaret Marshall, a supporter of homosexual marriage who is married to Times columnist Anthony Lewis and was installed as the Chief Justice on the Massachusetts Supreme Court. It was Marshall and her entire court that allowed the legislature in 2002 to refuse to vote on a constitutional amendment protecting traditional marriage, even though supporters got 130,000 signatures and spent \$1.7 million in the process to get the measure on the ballot.

To repeat: if the legislature had voted and approved that amendment - and only 25 percent approval was required - it would be on the ballot this year, 2004, and would ban homosexual marriage and civil unions.

In a statement on his Massachusetts News website, Pawlick predicts that the Globe will simply ignore his book or dismiss it as a "conspiracy theory." But he says, "the evidence is too strong for that lie to work. They've left too big a trail that is easy for anyone to follow."

Pawlick names Times chairman and publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, Jr., as the ultimate force behind the campaign for homosexual marriage. His book claims Sulzberger "schemed" to have Marshall appointed to the court "so that he could begin to impose gay marriage across the nation."



## Public notices

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Present were Commissioner Harold Tolmie, Commissioner Dick Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Salove, Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, Treasurer Barbara Wright, Assessor Brett Endicott, Sheriff Gary Aman.

The Board moved to amend the agenda to include the following items: Snowmobile Commission, Board of Community Guardians Appointment, and vehicle bid for Assessor.

The Board moved to approve release of a lien taken for an outstanding weed spraying bill.

The Board approved a request from the Board of Community Guardians for appointment of John Jones of Oreana to the Board of Community Guardians.

The Board approved a grant request submitted by Paul Nettleton. The Grant awarded from the State Historical Society is in the amount of \$3,000.

The Board met with George Bennett and Terry Carothers to discuss the formation of a Snowmobile Commission to organize a committee, and set up a plan to submit to Dept. of Recreation, to improve conditions for snowmobiles in the County.

The Board took action on the following Indigent and Charity cases: I.C. Case No. 03-21 the Board approved payment of medical bills. I.C. Case No. 04-03 the Board denied, not the obligated County. I.C. Case No. 04-01 the Board denied, not the obligated County. I.C. Case No. 03-50 the Board denied, unable to establish residency.

The Board approved the bid for a vehicle for the Assessor's office. Larry Miller was the lowest bid submitted in the amount of 9,736.

The Board met with the elected officials to revise the personnel manual.

The Board moved to approve the Board minutes for January 20th.

There being no further business the Board moved for adjournment.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk's office.

Harold Tolmie, Chairman Attest: Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk

2/11/04

OWYHEE COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 04-01
AN ORDINANCE
CREATING AND DEFINING
THE DUTIES OF A
SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE TO ADVISE
THE

#### BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Be it enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County:

Section 1, Membership: Pursuant to Idaho Code, 67-7107, The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners establishes the Owyhee County Snowmobile Advisory Committee. The Committee shall consist of a mini-

mum of 3 and a maximum of 7 members. Members appointed serve without salaries and wages and at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2, Duties and Reporting Requirements: The Committee is established to serve in an advisory capacity of the Board on matters relating to the establishment and maintenance of parking and unloading areas on public and private property and on the expenditure of moneys deposited in the county snowmobile fund. The Committee shall meet with the Board as necessary to make recommendations regarding the expenditure of funds, but shall meet with the Board at least once each year during the second quarter of the fiscal year. In addition to its advising and reporting duties to this Board, the Committee shall also coordinate its activities and recommendations with the Owyhee Committee shall also coordinate its activities and recommendations with the Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee in order to provide for consistency and continuity of snowmobile plans with the plans and actions of the Natural Resources Committee.

Enacted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2004.

/s/Harold Tolmie /s/Dick Reynolds /s/Chris Salove Attest:/s/K. Kelly Breach 2/11/04

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of Charles W. Stiener of HC 79 Box 2230, Oreana, ID 83650 filed application no. 70910 with IDWR to transfer one water right with a 1931 priority date from Louisa Creek totaling 175 acre feet of storage. The purpose of the transfer is to allow storage of Louisa Creek reservoir water in the Triangle Reservoir when maintenance is being performed on the Louisa Creek Reservoir. Water will be used at the current place of use near Triangle ID.

For specific details regarding the application, please contact IDWR Western Region 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.state.id.us with detail provided under "new water right applications". Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before February 23, 2004. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant. KARL J DREHER, Director

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#### NOTICE

Annual meeting of South Side Bruneau Canal, February 12, 2004 at 4:00 p.m., Bruneau American Legion Hall.

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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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: **NEREIDA AGUIRRE**,

**OF OWYHEE** 

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., residing at 6895 Highway 95, Marsing, Idaho. Such petition will be heard at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 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. 717 So. Kimball Avenue, Suite 200

Caldwell, Idaho 83605 Telephone: (208) 459-6795 1/28-2/4,11,18/04

# 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 Loan No. 357206406 T.S. No. 1061821-09 Parcel No.

On May 13, 2004, at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, at At the lobby of the Owyee County Courthouse, Hwy 78, Owyhee, Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, state of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: Lot 25 of Briar Hills Subdivision, part of the Southwest quarter Southeast quarter, Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file in the office of the recorder for Owyhee county, Idaho. Commonly known as 103 Briar Drive Homedale ID 83628. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Joseph R. Troxel and Teresa D. Troxel, Husband And Wife as Grantor, to Transnation Title & Escrow Company, Inc., as trustee, for the benefit and security of Home Mortgage, Inc. as beneficiary, recorded April 27, 2001, as Instrument No. 235726, 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 RESPON-SIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGA-TION. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due July 1, 2003 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$87,504.11, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. First American Title Insurance Company C/o Cal-western Reconveyance Corporation P.O. Box 22004 El Cajon CA 92022-9004 (619)590-9200 Dated: January 08, 2004 Signature By: First American Title Insurance

#### 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. 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.

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Organizing Photos and Negatives. As an archivist at a college, I protect your photos and negatives everyday. You can purchase boxes and envelopes at a company like Gaylord (gaylord.com), which sells archival and library supplies. Look under photo storage and negative storage. You will need separate boxes for negatives and photos. Wherever you buy them, the boxes and envelopes should be acid free. I create an index for the items, which you can do with a simple notebook or in a computer program. Give each item a unique number, such as A-1 (A for the box it is in and 1 for the number within the box). In the index, cross reference the photo to the negative by making a note where the other is located. This simple procedure will keep your photos protected, as well as organized, so you can find them when you need them. B.

Multi-Purpose Cleaner. I clean apartments, offices and houses. The cheap spray-on bathroom cleaners clean almost anything from bathroom sinks to the outside of refrigerators and stoves, and it is also good for cleaning walls and blinds. It's fast and easy. You just spray and wipe. For tougher problems, I use the off brand of cleaners like soft scrub and liquid comet. I've found these two items very useful, and by buying them at dollar stores, I save money. TL

Cheaper Flowers. Here's a way to save when you are sending flowers. If you look at the florist books to decide the type of arrangement you want, request the florist substitute the flowers in the picture with whatever she has on hand or whatever is in season. The arrangement will look similar, and usually will contain more flowers. My mother taught me this years ago and so far I haven't been disappointed. Barb

Clearance Conscious. Most stores designate one section of an aisle or endcap of an aisle as their "clearance" section. When only one of an item is left, or several items are not selling, they mark them down drastically and stick them in an obscure place. I know where these areas are in my drug store

and in Target. I get some great deals! Kathey

Rosy Cheeks. Here's a tip for mothers during cold weather. Before my daughter was born, I bought one of those balm sticks for nursing mothers, but after a few weeks, I stopped being sore and was left with a mostly unused stick. I now rub that on my children's cheeks in the winter to keep them from getting chapped. It works great, and since I bought the kind that doesn't need washing off before feedings, it's safe in case my baby transfers it from her cheeks to her mouth. Esther M.

Over-Bidding. I have one warning for auction buyers. Pay attention to how the auctioneer operates. I have seen auctioneers get bidders who are not paying attention to raise their own last bid. Donna L.

Store Promotional Expira**tions**. Even though some store promotions have an expiration date, sometimes it means nothing. In the mail, I received a \$5 coupon for a bed and bath store. After Christmas, I took it to the store to get a cost adjustment on something that I had purchased. While there, I mentioned to the sales clerk that I also had a 20% off coupon from a mailer that had expired just the other day. The clerk told me that they would honor it. She then told me that the only reason it had a date on it was for mailing reasons. So, instead of saving the original \$5, I got the coupon and took it back for a \$17 cost adjustment. They honor the mailers and they did not even look for an expiration date. Of course, I will shop in this store much more often, as she did not have to mention this to me at all. Susan G.

Watch Them Grow. I have a frugal hobby. I propagate house plants by taking cuttings and letting them root in water. It is such a thrill to watch the roots grow over time and then I plant the cuttings myself or give them to friends to plant. I love it. Mary

A Sewer's Stash for Pen**nies**. I buy notions and fabrics at garage and estate sales. Often, I come across an estate sale of a sewer or a crafter, and I keep a stash of buttons, zippers and material purchased for pennies that I use to repair or sew for my family and for crafts. Patty L.

Memory Trick. I used to always forget to take things with me when I would leave the house in the morning for work. Since I live in the country, it isn't easy to just run back home al handmade articles like these from my job. So now, I put my car keys on top of it before I go to bed the night before, even if I have to put them in the refrigerator. Since I started doing this, I always remember because I can't go anywhere without my keys. Cheryl A.

Leftover Magic. I keep a list on my refrigerator of food that is ready to microwave and eat (leftover chicken, rice and beans, 1 piece of quiche, pizza) and also items that need to be used up (mushrooms or salad). Instead of thinking there is nothing good to eat for lunch or a snack, my husband will eyeball the list and open the fridge knowing what he wants. I keep a pen on top of the fridge so things can be crossed off. I figure that using up leftovers instead of throwing food away saves my family over \$1,000 a year on our food budget, mainly because it keeps us from eating at restaurants as often. Jennifer in San Jose, CA

Invaluable. Readers with hand-made articles, such as afghans, quilts and needlepoint pictures, would be wise to get them appraised in case of loss through either theft or fire. Friends of ours who had sever-

suffered a fire. As the items had not been appraised prior to loss. the insurance company offered them the price of the yarn as replacement value, without taking into consideration the labor required to make them. Every time she finishes a project now she goes straight to the yarn store to get it appraised before displaying or giving it.

"Leftover" Paint. If you are one of those people who do their own house painting, it seems that you are always left with a few cans with some unused paint in them. To store the leftover paint, so it will be usable at a later time, I cut out a circle of some heavy plastic film having the same diameter as the inside of the can. I carefully place this disc on top of the paint. This plastic "skin" will prevent the paint from drying out. It can be a bit messy to "fish" the plastic out, but no more so than a real paint skin. Store the can in a cool, dry location. If you are lucky enough to have a "paint exchange" depot in your area, you may want to "donate" your leftover paint. In return, you will be "allowed" to pick up an equivalent amount of paint in the colors available

at that time. If you need more than you brought in, there is usually a nominal charge. Peter E. Pickering, ON

Just Enough Light. I use a night light in my bathroom from dusk until the light of the morning. It keeps everyone from turning on the main light unless they are brushing their teeth. It makes the room look nice, too. I also keep one in my bedroom, so there is no need to turn on the main light just for a quick visit to get something. I change the night-lights a few times a year for something different. Susan

"Whipped" Margarine. My husband decided to take sticks of butter and put them in the blender to whip them for waffles. When he was finished. they came out creamy instead of whipped. He placed the butter in a Rubbermaid container, and when I found it, I asked him about it. He explained what happened and I started using it for buttering things. I then exclaimed, "Do you realize that you just saved us tons of money?" He was puzzled, but I explained that we never have to buy tubs of margarine again. We can now just buy the cheaper sticks of margarine and cream them. TW

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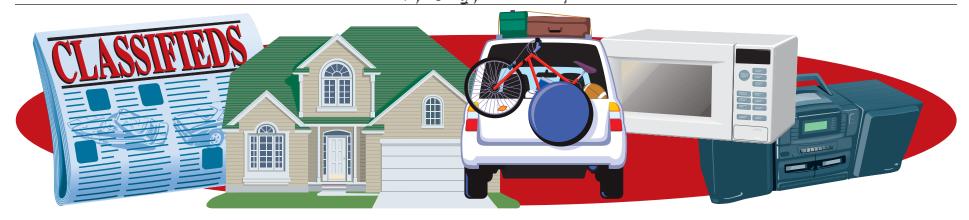
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