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Questions surface on validity of city's well site property

The City of Homedale has turned over more documents to the Idaho Attorney General's office, which could eventually affect the validity of the city's new well site in Canyon County. Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said last week that the city has been unable to locate documents stating exactly where the money for the 19 and a half-acre land purchase came from and exactly how much was paid for the property.

Fink said correspondence with Kevin McNeill, Department of Environmental Quality, states that former City Clerk Pam Dugger submitted a cost table to DEQ specifying \$20,000 for the land purchase. He said after McNeill reviewed DEQ's documents he verified that \$60,000 had in fact been paid for the property.

Fink said after reviewing the phase one documents in City Hall,

it would appear that \$60,445.97 was in fact paid for the property, but the city's concern now is where the funds were taken from. City documents show that the money may have been taken from the city's civic pride fund instead of from its designated water fund.

"If it is a water project, the money has to come out of designated water funds," Fink said Thursday. "If it did come from the civic pride fund, it should have been paid back within a year of being borrowed. We can not find anywhere that it was ever paid back."

A review of documents in city hall last week show that the well project was discussed with the council several times, but a ledger of the payment was not presented to the council. A comment sheet on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2002 show an increase in the projects fund as \$80,000 for fiscal year 2001 and a note stating, "current year was purchase of new well property and engineering expense for same. The \$40,000 proposed will be city portion of revitalization project."

Fink said by the account number that the check was posted to, it — to page 5



Derby racers

Garret Carter, left and Reece Caldwell, right, watch a close race during a pinewood derby car race sponsored by Cub Scout pack 225 from Marsing on Saturday. Racers raced their handcrafted vehicles in the event and were judged on workmanship, creativity, best of show and other categories. Overall winners were Aaron Draper from the Wolf pack, Leighton Tiegs from the Webelos and Caldwell from the Tiger pack.

School board hires new superintendent

Homedale School District board members hired a new superintendent to replace retiring district leader Bob Lisonbee. Lisonbee announced his retirement last month and will be leaving the position in July.

Tim Rosandick from the Caldwell School District was hired last Saturday during a special board meeting. Board Chairmam Benita Miller said he was a unanimous choice from the board, community and staff members involved in the interviewing process.



Rosandick has spent his professional career in the Caldwell district having taught elementary and middle school education. He then served as an elementary school principal before serving as the assistant superintendent in 1997. Currently he is the interim superintendent for the district.

"Homedale is fortunate to hire a man of Mr. Rosandick's caliber and experience," Miller said in a

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Mormon crickets are back, already

Spring-like temperatures send crickets into hatching frenzy

The mountains and fields of Owyhee County are turning green with new foliage as warm temperatures have sent flowers into bloom and turned grass from winter brown to spring time green. But with the warm temperatures, the notorious Mormon cricket has also been sent into a growing frenzy.

In February, the United States Department of Agriculture released information from a research project that answers the question of "why Mormon crickets travel in bands." An ecologist with the Agricultural Research Service stated in the release that after placing radio

transmitters to monitor the movements of individual crickets during a study last year in Colorado, it was discovered that they move in bands to reduce the risk of predators.

Last week, temperatures hovered above 70 degrees in the desert and brought ground temperatures to above 40 degrees making it prime time for the crickets to hatch. Owyhee County Chief Deputy Dick Freund said Friday that millions of crickets have already been spotted in the Bates Creek and Point of Rock areas

near Oreana. He said the hatch may slow down next week with cooling temperatures, but it will not kill the crickets already hatched or the

eggs that have not hatched yet.

Freund said now the county needs some help locating all of the places where the crickets have hatched. He said people who are recreationing in the county or just passing through, need to report any sightings of the pesky bugs to the sheriff's office or to the Department of Agriculture. He said the sooner baiting the bugs

begins, the sooner the bugs can be controlled.

When reporting a sighting of the bugs, an exact location, preferably a GPS reading is necessary to track them. Freund said the county would contact the USDA to begin the process of killing the critters in their hatching beds.

"They are about the size of a piece of puffed rice," Freund explained. "There are already millions of them. Once they hatch, it is only a matter of time. They are in their second molt already."

Freund said baiting has already been placed in some areas to get a head start on controlling the critters.

"The agreement with the Bureau of Land Management was to get out and bait them as early as we can before they get to be the

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FILE PHOTO



Ready to weigh

Sammie Bass, from the Wilson Butte 4-H Club, smiles as she finds out the weight of her 4-H heifer at the Owyhee County Fair Grounds Saturday. 4-H members weighed their beef in Homedale and Marsing and in Oreana. Beef supervisor Bev White said about 19 steers were weighed between Homedale and Oreana. She said five heifers were also weighed.

BLM seeks comments on land sale

The Bureau of Land Management, Bruneau Field Office, is accepting comments until April 11 on the sale of 30 acres of public land near Bruneau.

The 1981 Bruneau Management Framework Plan identified the public land as available for disposal and on Feb. 24, the parcel was segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws.

The public land will not be offered for sale until April 25, 2005 at the appraised fair market value of \$9,000. The patent, when issued, will contain a reservation of the United States for ditches and canals.

This land is being offered by direct sale to Owyhee County, to provide a needed buffer around the existing Rimrock Landfill. It has been determined that the subject parcel contains no known mineral values. A separate non-refundable filing fee of \$50.00 is required from the purchaser for the conveyance of the mineral interests.

Illegals detained in front of county courthouse

Thirteen illegal immigrants spent Thursday afternoon behind bars in the Murphy jail after being detained by county deputies in front the county courthouse. Now the men are in custody of the Department of Immigration and Naturalization

The situation began on Highway 51 in Nevada between Elko and Duck Valley Indian Reservation. An Elko County deputy initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle that was “weaving” on the roadway. He said the deputy felt the group was suspicious because they were in two cars, and acted nervous.

County Chief Deputy Dick Freund said the deputy was concerned that the group may be transporting drugs, but due to the deputy being alone and the nearest backup being over an hour away, the group of men were not detained.

Elko County Sheriff’s Office contacted Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and informed them that the vehicles were headed into Owyhee County. The deputy confirmed that the group was illegal, but Nevada INS did not have the deputy detain the men due to the circumstances

“Our deputy found the men filling gas cans at Gus’s Gas in Grand View,” Freund said. “He followed them out of Grand View and with the assistance of many other deputies, we initiated a stop in Murphy.

“We had trouble contacting INS who we found out later were on their way to Highway 51 to intercept these guys. They came to Murphy and took custody of them.”

INS took custody of the men at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Those arrested were Juan Carlos Lopez, 29 from Monroe, North Carolina, Jorge Serrato Rivera, 24 from Ontario, Oregon and Juan

Antonio Ramirez Torres, 33 from Ontario, Oregon. Those arrested without a given address were: Jose Angel Serrato Rodriguez, 29, Gustavo Serrato-Arrendando, 18, Jose Ramon Serrato-Rangel, 23, Victor Loza-Torres, 19, Salvador Juarez-

Barron, 26, Martin Ramirez-Torres, 38, Guadalupe Bonilla Vargas, 21, Edilberto Loza-Torres, 28, Hector Luna-Liceaga, 26 and Jorge Vargas-Valdez, 24. Serrato Rivera was arrested for failure to purchase a driver’s license.

Property tax reduction forms available

Up to \$1,200 in property tax reduction is again available this year to qualified applicants under Idaho’s Circuit Breaker program and officials from Owyhee County will be available to assist in completing those forms.

The benefits apply to property taxes on a homeowner’s primary residence, which must be in Idaho.

To be eligible, claimants must have no more than \$21,580 in income for 2004 after deducting non-reimbursed medical and other qualified expenses. They must also be in at least one of the following categories as of Jan. 1, 2005.

Claimants must be 65 or older, widow (er) of any age, disabled as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Veterans Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board, or Federal Civil Service, blind, fatherless or motherless child under 18 years of age, or a former prisoner of war or hostage.

Property tax reduction applications are available from the county assessor and must be filed with the assessor’s office by April 15.

The assessor’s office will be available at local senior centers this week to assist in completing the applications. They will be in Homedale on March 28 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and on April 4 from 10 a.m. until noon. In Marsing on March 30 from 10 a.m. until noon and on April 5 from 11 a.m. until noon on both days.

People applying for the break need to bring proof of their 2004 income, medical expanses paid in 2004 and a copy of the federal tax form if they are filing.

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Hazardous material found in desert

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said a 55-gallon drum of hazardous material was found in the desert Sunday afternoon, but he said the chemical was removed and no serious complications arose from its discovery.

A recreationist in the area discovered the chemical. Aman said the drum was in the desert a few miles off of Highway 95 near the Oregon border. He said the chemical was identified as Sodium Hydroxide, a corrosive that is in a very concentrated form.

“Someone shot holes in the drum so it would leak out,” Aman



This drum of Sodium Hydroxide was found near the Oregon border by 4-wheeler riders Sunday.

Tumbleweeds 4-H club news

The Tumbleweeds 4-H club held its second meeting on March 8. The group discussed animal projects, making sure that everyone had a source for their animal project for the year.

The club members also discussed ideas for community service projects and fundraisers. They reviewed requirements for several miscellaneous projects.

The next meeting will be held on March 28 where members will be assigned to committees including community service, fundraisers, fair decorations and buyers' gifts. Members are asked to bring their project and record books.

explained. "It was not near a water source and BLM will conduct the cleanup of what soaked into the ground."

Sodium Hydroxide is listed as an extreme poison under the Material Safety Data listing. Those using the chemical are required to use goggles, a shield, lab coat and apron and proper gloves. Potential health effects include death if swallowed and harmful if inhaled. It causes burns to any area of contact and reacts with water, acid and other materials.

"People have unwanted chemicals that they want to dispose of and instead of paying to have them disposed, they bring them out here and dump them," Aman said Monday. "This one was not costly, but we have had some that have been."

Aman said about 15 gallons had soaked into the ground, but it would not affect any water source. He said the drum was placed into an over-pack and transported to a site in Marsing where BLM will take control and have it disposed of.

Sodium Hydroxide should be stored in a cool, dry and ventilated area away from heat sources or moisture. To dispose of the chemical, it must be sent to a RCRA approved waste facility.



Cookies for scouts

Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 264 in Marsing sell Girl Scout cookies at Paul's Market on Saturday afternoon. Pictured are troop leader Cindy Foster, Racheal Miranda, Kimber Bowman, and Hayleigh Green.

Head start program plans spring event

Members of the Marsing Head Start WICAP Program are working to coordinate a spring fling festival this year, which is scheduled to be held on April 30 at the Marsing City Park from noon until 3 p.m.

Coordinator Santiago Ramirez said a raffle, games for children

and many other activities are planned. Plenty of information about the program will be available as well. An astro jump and pony rides will also be available. Santiago said the event would be free to the public.

Coaches and coordinators for

the summer recreation program and the optimist football program will be available for summer league signups.

Tickets for the raffle will be sold after March 24 and will be available at the head start center in Marsing or by calling 896-6014.

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Legislative breakfast

Marsing FFAers Chaz Covey, Alicia Ponce, Kallie Roeser, Jessica Elsberry, Daniel Ineck. On Right, Scott Roeser, CC Zanardi, Briana Acree, and RJ Crosland at the Legislative breakfast in Boise last month.

March news from the Marsing FFA barn

Ten FFA members attended the Legislative breakfast on Feb. 22 in Boise. Following breakfast, FFA members had the opportunity to attend one of four tours put on by the Idaho Cooperative Council. Most of the Marsing members toured the Historical Museum and the Congressional careers tour. Four members attended the Made For Excellence (MFE) and the Advanced Leadership

Development (ALD) Conference in Boise on Feb. 22 and 23. Those attending said the conference was tailored to give students the tools they need to develop premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Some of the workshops they attended were “Opening & Exploring Leadership,” “Explore Within,” “Explore Solutions,” “Opening & Understanding Excellence,” “Discovering Talents,”

“Develop Skills,” “Determining Will and Understanding Success,” and “Explore the Possibilities.” Eight members for the Parli Pro team have been meeting at 6:45 a.m., twice a week to get ready for the contest on March 16 at Meridian. This year the team plans to have a freshman Parli contest. “Working with other advisors and a neighboring district we should get this contest rolling this year,” Advisor Jason Nettleton said. On March 29, the chapter will host a donkey basketball game, which will pit the Marsing Fire Department against the Homedale Fire Department and the Marsing FFA members against the Homedale FFA Chapter. The action starts at 6 p.m. in the old gym.

EFSNBP awards federal funds to Owyhee County

Owyhee County has been chosen to receive \$2,702 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The selection was made by a National board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high need areas around the country.

A local board will determine how the funds awarded to the county are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must, be private voluntary nonprofits or units or units of government, have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Qualifying organizations are urged to apply. Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Ricardo Vargas at 337-4812 for an application. The deadline for applications is April 4.

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Rimrock teen wins first place in Geographic Bee

Joseph Morrison, an eighth grade student at Rimrock Junior-Senior High, competed in the school's National Geographic Bee and won first place. Joseph then took a written exam where 100 of the top scorers in each state moved on to the state level competition.

Joseph will be participating in the state level competition in Boise on April 1. The winner of this competition will advance to the national competition in Washington D.C. at the end of May.

"Jeopardy" host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals on May 25 and the program will air on the National Geographic Channel.

The first place national winner will win a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the Society.



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Well

seems the money for the well site had come from the civic pride fund, which is used for city sponsorships, holidays and activities.

The land was purchased in March, 2001 and at the time the council had considered making the rest of the property into a soccer field. Fink said although he agrees that the funds did come from the civic pride fund, he said he does not know what will happen next if the funds were never replaced.

"Its like tax payers being taxed (having paid) twice," Fink said. "They paid a \$6 service fee on their water bill and then the money may have come out of the general fund, which is primarily property tax money. We will have to check to see what will happen next."

Fink said the documents concerning the sale of the property had been turned over to the attorney general's office some time ago, but he said he would discuss the current questions with the prosecutor.

Crickets

size of stallions," Freund stated.

The researchers discovered that for the crickets, there's safety in large numbers. Those insects, which were part of a large moving band, were much less likely to be eaten. In fact, 50 to 60 percent of the Mormon crickets that were separated from a migratory band were killed within two days by predators such as birds and rodents, while none of those staying with the band were eaten. Radio transmitters belonging to those unfortunate, lone insects were found either chewed or still glued to a partially eaten cricket corpse.

Superintendent

statement released Monday. "The choice was very clear and the process proved to be successful as evidenced by the unanimous decision of the board, staff and patrons. We are very excited for the future and look forward to the new leadership for our district."

Miller said an evening with Rosandick would be scheduled in the future so staff and patrons can meet the new superintendent. She said the date and time would be announced at a late date.

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Access road cuts down on bumps, dust at Celebration Park

People visiting Celebration Park in south Canyon County will soon have a new access road. The new access road, which will take visitors from the end of Slinker Road where the Historic Guffey Bridge is located, due east into the parking lot at Celebration Park.

According to Tom Bicak, Director of Canyon County Parks, crews are currently putting a base on the road, which will be paved and ready for use by the public later this spring. Besides cutting down dust on the quarter-mile stretch, Bicak said the road will also make the access to the park much safer for vehicles, and an amenity that will be appreciated by the thousands of school bus riders who visit each year, as well as those people pulling trailers with boats or horses, the road will no longer be so bumpy. Additionally, there will be a handicap-access link to the bridge for those people who need it.

Bicak said the paving project is being funded by Idaho State

Parks and Recreation, with no county funds being used. The road, which he calls "safe and scenic"

was engineered by Treasure Valley Engineers and is being built by Deer Flat Sand and Gravel.



New access

Workers began a project to build a new access road into Celebration Park in Canyon County. Crews have currently put a base on the road, which will be paved and ready for use by the public later this spring.

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Obituary

Bonnie Hansen Cline

Bonnie Hansen Cline 91 currently of Emmett, Idaho passed away at her home on Thursday March 10, 2005. Bonnie was born at her grandfather's ranch on the Weiser Flats, Jan. 25, 1914. Her parents were Dan and Katherine Hansen. Bonnie grew up in Emmett and graduated from Emmett High School in 1931. She married Linden Cline in Boise in Oct. 1941. They lived in Council Idaho, Camas Washington, and Homedale Idaho. They owned and operated Clines OK Tire Store in Homedale from 1951 until Linden's death in 1972. In 1972 Bonnie returned to Emmett to live out her life in her grandmother's home. Bonnie enjoyed her many neighbors and friendships that she made while in Homedale but always felt the need to return to where her family was in Emmett. Survivors include her daughter Barbara Hansen & son-in-law Richard Barhitte of Vancouver, Washington, 4 grandchildren Eric, Wendy, Brent, Tad, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Family and public viewing will be Friday night at the Potter Mortuary in Emmett from 6 to 8 PM. Graveside services will be at Emmett Cemetery in Emmett at 10 AM Saturday, March 19, 2005. A memorial will be at the New Life Christian Center; 212 S Boise Ave. in Emmett at 11 AM Saturday, March 19, 2005. Contributions can be made to F.E.A.T (Families for Effective Autism Treatment).

Ralph and Betty Sevy celebrate 50 years

Ralph and Betty Sevy from Marsing will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 20 with an open house at the Homedale Senior Center from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. Their 10 children will host the event, which will highlight The Sevy Family Band.

The Sevy's have lived in the Marsing area for all of their married life and Ralph has lived in Marsing for 72 years. The couple has 42 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Betty is a homemaker and Ralph continues to operate the family business, Sevy Land Leveling and the family farm. Friends, family and old neighbors are invited to attend.



Homedale Senior Center

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Spring hikes offered in Birds of Prey area

More than 800 pairs of eagles, falcons, hawks and owls are making their annual return to nesting sites in the Snake River Birds of Prey, NCA, located above Walter's Ferry. Along with this special event of nature, the Bureau of Land Management and Canyon County Parks and Waterways will again be offering the annual spring hike series.

This year the series begins on April 16 and 17 and continues through June 11 and 12. Most hikes are on Saturdays, but for the first time several hikes are being offered in midweek. Each hike explores a different aspect of the area's fascinating wildlife, plants, geology, and history. Examine native American petroglyphs in "Ancient Traces" "Wees Bar Petroglyphs," investigate native plants and ecology in "Desert Wildflowers," or explore geologic features such as the 14,000 year old Bonneville Flood deposits in "Rock, Wind, Water."

All hikes will be led by BLM or Canyon County Parks staff, who are specialists in the natural history of the National Conservation Area and southwest Idaho.

The hikes are free of charge. Advanced registration is required, however, to ensure appropriate group size. Hikes begin in the morning and will last from two hours to all day, depending on the hike. To register for a hike, call Barb Forderhase, BLM Environmental Education Specialist at 384-3485.

2005 spring hike scheduled for April are, 16, Desert Wildflowers Vegetation, 8 a.m. two hours long, April 23, Ancient Traces, cultural history, 10 a.m. two hours long. April 30, raptor-banding, owls, 8 a.m. all day, April 30 Wees Bar Petroglyphs, cultural history, 9 a.m. seven to eight hours.

In May the schedule includes May 6, raptor banding, owls, 8 a.m., all day, May 7, Desert wildflowers, 8 a.m. two hours, May 7, rocks, wind, water, 8 a.m. two hours, May 14, raptor banding owls, 8 a.m. all day, May 14, explore Halverson Bar, 10 a.m. five to six hours, May 21, raptor banding, owls, 8 a.m. all day, Wees Bar Petroglyphs, 9 a.m. seven to eight hours and ancient traces, 10 a.m. two hours.



Raptor banding

A visitor to the Snake River Birds of Prey Conservation area holds a recently banded hawk as part of the BLM's spring tours.



Petroglyphs

A tour on April 30 will take history seekers through Ancient Traces and Wees Bar Petroglyphs as cultural history. Each tour takes about seven to eight hours to complete.



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4-H program teaches teens veterinary science



Young vets

Members of the Animals are Us 4-H group watch the neutering of a cat by veterinarian Carrie Arnhoelter at the Owyhee Vet Clinic in Homedale. Pictured are Deena Emery, Maddy Pendergrass, Katie Price and Aubrey Nash.



Vet science

Owyhee County veterinarian Carrie Arnhoelter performs surgery on a cat as Animals are Us 4-H group views the procedure. Deena Emery and Katie Price watch as an incision into the cats lower stomach is made to begin the procedure.



Sedated

Under heavy sedation, a cat is prepared for a surgical procedure at the Owyhee Vet Clinic as Deena Emery, Katie Price and Aubrey Nash look on.

A new 4-H program in Owyhee County will teach teens the basics of animal science, common animal diseases and control methods. The hands on experience is said to be beneficial to help with the training of future veterinarians, assistants and a better working knowledge of many aspects of the field of veterinary medicine. The five members of the “Animals are Us” 4-H group in Homedale say that is exactly why they joined. Each one of them plans to be veterinarians.

Leader Leslie Nash said the project started out as a pilot project last year to see if teens would be interested. She volunteered for the project because her daughter, Aubrey, showed an interest in animal medicine. Aubrey said growing up on a farm has taught her many things about animal health, but watching a cesarean section on a cow to save a calf helped in her decision.

“I like animals a lot,” member Deena Emery said. “In the beginning the class shows you how to take care of your animals. It is kind of gross sometimes, but I want to help animals.”

Maddy Pendergrass, Aubrey Nash, Deena, Hannah Prater, and Katie Price are the current members of the group, which meet every month. The girls said they are also involved in other 4-H projects in livestock.

The group’s first meeting was held in December and recently they were able to attend the neutering of two cats at the Owyhee Vet Clinic in Homedale. Each girl said the process did not bother them and they are looking forward to viewing other veterinary procedures.

“Hannah and Katie got sick and went home early,” Aubrey said. “But it wasn’t that bad. I don’t like human blood, but animals don’t bother me. I know I can help them.”

Nash said the girls have planned to help at a local animal shelter as well as other community projects for their club.

Veterinary science clubs have three levels of study including basic structure of animals for first year members, disease in domestic animals for second year students and exploring diseases shared in common with man in the third year.

Wilson graduates from military training

Air Force Airman first Class Chad M. Wilson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Leonard and Dawn Wilson of Trap Shoot Road, Marsing, Idaho.

Wilson is a 2004 graduate of American Falls High School.

Local graduate makes the grade

Caldwell resident and Azusa Pacific University student Kassi Ruff made the academic Deans’ list at APU. Ruff, a graduate of Homedale High School and the daughter of Laurie Ruff, is honored for a fall semester 2004 academic standing of 3.5 or better grade point average.

Ruff is a social work major, who is joined by more than 1,300 other students receiving the honor.



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Last call for entries in national beef cook-off

March 31st Deadline Nears For 2005 Entries

Time is running out to enter the 26th National Beef Cook-Off. Family chefs are encouraged to show off their “skill-ets” in the kitchen and submit their favorite beef recipes by March 31.

This summer, 20 amateur family chefs will be notified that their delectable beef recipes have made them national finalists. The finalists will compete in Rapid City, South Dakota, September 19-21, for the \$50,000 “Best of Beef” grand prize and eight other cash prizes. More than \$100,000 will be up for grabs.

On behalf of the Cattlemen’s Beef Board and the Federation of State Beef Councils, the American National Cattle Women, Inc. are partnering with Albertsons to promote the 2005 Cook-Off.

For nearly three decades, the National Beef Cook-Off has been America’s premier amateur beef-cooking contest. The 2005 Cook-Off is focusing on the passion Americans have for beef and the special times they share when families enjoy beef dishes together. This year, the Cook-Off has introduced a “Family Favorites” category to showcase original beef recipes that families enjoy during the week or for special occasions.

The Cook-Off, sponsored by America’s Beef Producers through their \$1-per-head check-off, comes as the demand for beef continues to increase. The Cook-Off seeks to drive awareness and purchase of undervalued beef cuts, such as those from the chuck and round. Chuck and round cuts are very affordable and offer consumers a great value, while still providing tenderness and great taste.

“With Americans’ enduring enjoyment of beef, the Cook-Off offers the best opportunity for family chefs to share their beloved recipes and secrets with everyone,” says Sherry Hill, Cook-Off project manager.

“And the fascinating thing is that the winning recipes always reflect and celebrate America’s changing tastes in beef.”

Amateur chefs have until March 31 to enter the following four categories: beef market basket, grilled beef, family favorites

and “inspired by” beef recipes

A complete version of the Cook-Off rules is available at the Cook-Off’s official Web site, www.beefcookoff.org. Contestants can enter their beef recipes through the Web site or send via U.S. mail to: National Beef Cook-

Off Entries, ANCW, PO Box 3881, Englewood, CO 80155. The deadline for sending in entries is March 31, 2005. Entrants must be at least 18 years of age by March 31, 2005, and a legal resident of the U.S. or Puerto Rico.

The 20 finalists will be notified

in May and win the trip to Rapid City to compete Sept. 19-21 for the nine prizes totaling \$110,000. Beside the grand-prize winner, the winner of each of the categories will win \$10,000 and the runner-up in each category will receive \$5,000.

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Dive
Eighth graders Ryan Garrett and Austin Emry dive with a Weiser player for possession of the ball during last week's eighth grade tournament in Weiser. The boys lost the game to Weiser, ending their season. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

Middle school basketball draws to an end

The seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball teams finished their seasons on Monday evening.

The seventh grade lost to Middleton at Middleton 33-22. They had a great second half, but the 16-4 first quarter score was too much to overcome.

The eighth grade boys lost to Weiser at Weiser and finished their season strong as well. They led at halftime, and most of the third quarter, but could not maintain the lead.

"Both teams played well this year, represented their school and community well, and have a taste of the competition that we will face," Middle School Athletic Director Luci Asumendi said. "It was a good learning experience, and we competed very well."



Young wrestlers
Marsing's young wrestling team won second place in the Homedale wrestling tournament on March 5. Winners included, John Collette, Kelly Wilson, Austin Glenn, Barnardo Galvez, Micheal Tuckness, Armondo Martinez, Reagan Dunn, Cooper Folwell and Matt Renz. Photo submitted.

Second place winners

Marsing's young wrestling team won second place at the Homedale wrestling tournament on March 5 and brought home five medals.

Gold medal winners include John Collett, Kelly Wilson, Austin Glenn, Barnardo Galvez and Micheal Tuckness.

Silver medals were awarded to Armondo Martinez, Reagan Dunn and Cooper Folwell. Matt Renz won a bronz metal and Michael Tuckness won outstanding wrestler. The groups next tournament will be in Moutain Home on March 19.

Trojans start track season in Middleton

The Homedale Trojans began their track season with a non-scoring meet in Middleton last week. Events were not timed or recorded but the following is a record of Homedale's individual times and records.

In the girls' events, Belen Vega finished third with 13:38 in the 3200 relay, Taryn Corta finished the 100-yard dash with 13.7 and Kristin Phifer finished with a 15.2 time.

In the 800, Terry Moon recorded 3.09 and Jessica Stimmel finished with a 50.7 in the 300 hurdles. In the 4x100 relay, Nicole Cahill, Perla Gonzalez, Corta and Stimmel timed 53.9. Gonzalez recorded a time of 29.9 in the 200 and Phifer timed 32.1. In the 1600, Vega finished in 6:37 and Moon finished with 7:00.

In the field events, Cheyanne Andrade threw 30 feet one and half inches in the shot and threw 79 feet three inches in the discus.

Cahill jumped four feet eight inches in the high jump. Stimmel recorded 16 feet six inches in the long jump and Corta recorded 14 feet 10 inches in the event.

In the triple jump, Stimmel recorded 35 feet seven inches, Cahill jumped 29 feet 10 inches and Corta jumped 32 feet nine inches.

In the boys' events, Justin Mashburn finished the 100 in 13.1 and Larry Wass finished in 12.7, Wass finished the 800 in 2:23 and Jacob Anthony finished in 2:25. Mashburn recorded a 66.3 in the 400 and Anthony finished the 1600 in 6.05.

In the field events, Terence Thomas threw 35 feet one inch

School menu

March 17- 25

Marsing
Mar 17: Tacos w/fixings, chocolate pudding, fruit, vegetables, milk, chicken nuggets, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
Mar 18: No school.
Mar 21-25: Spring Break.

Homedale Elementary
Mar 17: No school K-4 only.
Mar 18: No school.
Mar 21-25: Spring Break.

Homedale Middle
Mar 17: Chicken tenders or CF beef steak, mash potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk.
Mar 18: No school.
Mar 21-25: Spring Break.

Homedale High
Mar 17: Chicken patty or hamburger/bun, fries/tots, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.
Mar 18: No school.
Mar 21-25: Spring Break.

Bruneau schools
Mar 17: Burritos, rice, veggies, fruit, milk. Conference 4:30-8:30.
Mar 18: No school.
Mar 21-25: Spring Break.

in the shot as teammate Dayton Syme threw 26 feet one inch. Thomas threw 116 feet in the discus and Syme threw 67 feet three inches.

Wass jumped five feet four inches in the high jump and Mashburn recorded 15 feet nine and a half inches in the long jump.



Shot
Terrance Thomas throws the shot during a track jamboree in Middleton last week. Competition events begin this week with Homedale back in Middleton for a conference meet. Photo by Jeremy Hall.



Long jump
Justin Mashburn from Homedale High School leaps in the long jump for 15 feet nine half inches. Photo by Jeremy Hall.



Out

Jessica Mooney makes the out at third base during the Varsity girl's softball season opener against New Plymouth. New Plymouth won the game, 11-2. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

Pilgrims stop Trojans 11-2

Breann Jones led the New Plymouth Pilgrims to a 11-2 victory over the Homedale Trojans last week in both teams' season opener on Saturday.

Jones struck out 14 Trojans and allowed only two hits. She finished one for two at the plate.

Homedale travels to meet Parma on Thursday and will take a week off for spring break before traveling to Nyssa on March 29 and hosting Parma on March 30.

Homedale's results were not made available.

Middle school athletes prepare for spring sports

Middle school athletes are gearing up for the spring sports season and this year Homedale Middle School will have plenty of contenders on this year's track team as 82 students have signed up for the events.

"We have been encouraging kids to try track since it is a sport that offers something for everyone and many of our kids have never competed in a track meet and have no idea what they might like or where they might excel," Middle School Athletic Director Luci Mereness said. "It's imperative that we encourage as many kids as possible to sign up, try something new, make new friends and it's a great way for them to spend their time after school."

Twenty five seventh grade boys, 23 girls, 14 eighth grade boys and 20 girls will compete in four scheduled meets, two hosted by the Trojans, beginning on April 14. Athletes will begin practice following spring break on March 28.

"We have four track meets and the Trojans host two of them at our beautiful track facility, which should be a great opportunity for the community to come and watch, help and enjoy the day," Mereness said. "We are looking forward to hosting the SRV middle schools."

Snake River Valley track events differ for middle schools than they do for other middle-high schools in the District III. Meets are run by grade level and anyone who wants to participate can, the order is seventh grade girls, eighth grade girls, seventh grade boys and eighth grade boys.

"You can expect a lot of heats in the 100, and other events, I am sure," Mereness stated.

The triple jump is not offered, there is no pole vault, the boys hurdles are at 30 inches instead of 36 inches the 200-meter hurdles are not offered, the 4X400 relay is for boys only and the sprint medley is for girls only.

The teams' first meet is against McCall and Ontario in Ontario on April 14. On April 21, Homedale will host its first meet against Payette and then will travel to Weiser on April 28. Homedale's second home meet will be held on May 5 against Middleton and Fruitland and the district tournament will be held on May 9 and 10 at Payette. The field events and 1600 meter will be held on Monday and the remaining events will be held on Tuesday.

Mike Greeley, Debby Turner and Doug Anders will coach the students, which Mereness said may not be enough coaches, but she was pleased with the problem.

3A All Conference boys' basketball team named

Nick Williams was named player of the year in 3A All Conference boys' basketball. Williams is a senior on the Homedale Trojans team, which finished in third place in the conference.

Williams finished his high school basketball career with a 17.3 per game point average. He has scored 416 total points in his varsity career and has made 107 of 140 from the free throw line. He recorded 89 rebounds, 123 assists and 87 steals.

Senior all stars include Travis Drake from McCall, Cameron Oxnam from Payette, Jess Quarton from McCall, Eddie Favela from Weiser, Luis Escutia from Homedale, Williams, Nate Dalley from Fruitland, Josh Brotherton from Payette, Clay Charles from McCall and Kyle Sorneson from Middleton.

First team all conference will be Mikel Overgaard, Wesier, Kyle Sorenson from Middleton, Nate Dalley from Fruitland, Josh Brotherton from Payette and Evan Schlager from Fruitland.

Second team all conference is Van Hill from Payette, Clay Charles from McCall, Trent Gatzemeyer from Fruitland, Brett Hopkins from Homedale and Jarrad Felgenhauer from Fruitland.

Honorable mention all conference is Jess Quarton from McCall, Eddie Favela from Weiser and Trent Harrison from Middleton.






Nick Williams



Basketball for a cause

Homedale High School senior Marcus Eby looks hard for an opening during last week's senior versus faculty basketball game. The event is a fundraiser for the senior class held by the senior class parents group. The group's next meeting will be held on March 28 at 7 p.m.



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Ah, spring is here, and it's time to think about garden parties and colorful ways to bring joy to your next gathering of family and friends. Keeping it simple by using shortcuts with ready-made mixes and springtime candy favorites will create just the right "pizzazz" for your next party.

For giving cookies and cupcakes a visual boost, Starburst Jellybeans provide a low fat decorating alternative. Plus, lollipop cookies are sure to be a treat for young and old alike. They can be used as a centerpiece and then your guests can take them home as party favors.

Be sure to stock up on the pastel colors of M&M'S so you can design a variety of flowers and shapes in the coming months. Think about the bridal and baby showers you'll soon be planning — and preparing — for family members and special friends.

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Bonnets

- 1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough or ten 4 1/2-inch cookies
 - 10 (2 1/2-inch) medium cupcakes, store bought or homemade
 - 2 (16-ounce each) containers white frosting
 - Food coloring
 - 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter
 - Starburst Jellybeans
 - Skittles Candies for Easter
 - Starburst Fruit Chews
- Roll sugar cookie dough to 1/4 inch thickness and press out ten 4 1/2-inch cookies. Bake the cookies according to directions on the package. Set aside.
 - Remove paper cupcake liner from cupcakes. Slice off rounded top of cupcake.
 - Ice top of cupcake with 1 tablespoon frosting. Turn cupcake upside down and place on the cookie. Set "cookie hats" on wire rack.
 - Divide icing into 4 bowls. Beginning with a few drops of food coloring, tint icing to desired pastel shade. One at a time, place icing into microwave for 15 seconds. Stir icing and check consistency for pourable consistency.
 - Pour frosting over "hats," covering them completely. Set aside for 10 minutes.
 - Decorate using candies.
 - To make hat ribbons, unwrap fruit chews and soften in microwave for 5 seconds. Then thinly roll and cut into thin ribbons and wrap around the hats.

Makes 10 bonnets



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- 1 (18.25-ounce) box yellow cake mix
 - 1 (16-ounce) container white frosting
 - 1 (16-ounce) Starburst Jellybeans, Original or Tropical Fruits
- Make cupcakes according to package directions.
 - Spread frosting onto cooled cupcakes and place jellybeans on top in a flower design.

Makes 1 dozen cupcakes



Flower Cupcakes



Garden Cookies

- 1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 6 large green craft sticks
- 1 (16-ounce) container prepared vanilla frosting
- Assorted food coloring
- 2 (14-ounce each) bags M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter
- 6 (6-inch) flowerpots or containers
- 6 Styrofoam squares or floral oasis

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Knead cookie dough and flour together until smooth.
- Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out 6 tulip shapes (approximately 4 inches high and 3 inches wide) from dough, and transfer to cookie sheet. Gather up dough scraps and re-roll, if necessary.
- Slide a craft stick underneath each cookie, and press it into dough. Bake until golden brown, about 12 to 15 minutes. Transfer cookie sheet to wire rack.
- While cookies are cooling, divide vanilla frosting among 4 bowls. Using food coloring, tint to pink, light blue, yellow and pale purple. Spread frosting over each cookie, and arrange chocolate candies on top. Let dry, about 30 minutes.
- Fill flowerpots with Styrofoam. Arrange green candies around craft sticks.
- Press craft sticks into Styrofoam. Arrange green candies around craft sticks.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

Slaughtering horses

There is nothing pretty about killing a horse. Nobody knows that more than those of us who have done it.

There are people who are actively attempting to get a federal bill passed that will “prevent the slaughter of horses in and from the U.S. for human consumption and other purposes.” Those supporting this bill seem to fall into two groups; (1) those that have very little knowledge of the horse industry, of the problems facing the BLM Wild Horse Program, and the practical realities of burying a dead horse, and (2) people who are very knowledgeable about horses yet find the slaughter of them using packing house methods inhumane.

Both of these groups are sincere and are not always raving animal rights lunatics. They admit that their solutions are not necessarily practical and probably expensive, but are worth it. Those that are against the bill admit there are no easy solutions, particularly with the BLM wild horses, but say we’ve got to do something even if it’s not pretty. They are not cruel people, they just don’t have the luxury to do nothing. Somebody has to be responsible. It is they.

Horses have been this country’s most valuable beast of burden since Cortez turned ‘em loose in 1535. The motorcar diminished their importance as a tool in the 20th century but they have returned to huge numbers today as a toy, sporting good, pet or friend.

The middle ground is not so hard to find. In my observations one issue that would have to be faced is the idea that we have the right to deny other cultures our horses for human consumption. It would be like Mexico refusing to sell their marijuana to our addicts because they think it’s harmful, or India not selling us beef because their cows are holy, or France refusing to sell us pâté because we couldn’t appreciate it.

And, the supporters of the ban would need to concede that traders should be allowed to make money. This is America.

Which leaves the biggest and most substantial bone of contention; humane slaughter. As it was pointed out to me by one horsewoman, dead is dead. The disposition of the carcass, be it dog food, taxidermy, wolf bait or Pierre’s platter is irrelevant.

Like most complicated issues, the answer doesn’t have to be. If Solomon were here he might say “waste not – want not, recycling horsemeat through omnivores beats dumping them in a landfill but...” he would say, “Horses are not cows, and they deserve an anesthetic cocktail before the .44 caliber entrée is served.”

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



Some time back, Congress passed legislation changing how banks process checks. It allegedly was done to “protect the consumer” ...

We are purchasing a vehicle from our daughter and her husband. I had a check from a nationally-recognized company to deposit in our bank – then get a cashier’s check to give to our daughter so she could take in to her credit union and get the title to the vehicle to give to us.

I walked into our bank, handed the check to a teller and told her what I wanted to do.

“We can’t give you a cashier’s check today, “the cashier said. “We can’t issue a ‘guaranteed’ check until the check you deposit clears.”

“Wait a second,” I said. “I thought under the new law a check that I write is processed right away so you know the money is there. I thought that was to help protect us consumers?”

The teller said this was different because I wasn’t writing the check -- I was depositing it. I pointed out that no matter whose check it was, it was still being processed electronically immediately so they should know it was good.

The teller ignored my logic and said it didn’t matter -- she couldn’t give me a cashier’s check for about five days. “But after you deposit the check the funds are available to you,” she said.

I thought about that for a moment.

“OK, you can’t give me a guaranteed check for five days, but the funds are still available to me -- is that right?” I said.

“That’s right,” she said.

“OK,” I said. “Then I will deposit this check and you can give me the amount of the check in cash.”

“I can’t do that,” the teller said, “because the check won’t clear for five days.”

“But you just said the funds were ‘available’ to me, I replied.

“Well, I can’t do that,” she said.

“Ok, let’s see if I can sum up how this new law to ‘protect’ consumers seems to work,” I said. “It makes the check writer responsible the minute the check is deposited. But, even though the bank immediately knows the check is good, it gets to hold onto that money for a week and collect interest on it. Is that about right?”

“I just can’t give you the money,” the teller said.

I picked up the check and drove 10 miles to our credit union.

“You know me, don’t you?” I asked the clerk.

“Sure, I know you,” she said.

“I want to deposit this check and get a new check in my daughter’s name that her credit union will accept immediately.”

“OK,” the clerk said. She took my check and issued a new one. “And tell your daughter if her credit union has any questions they can call us for verification she said.”

“Thanks,” I said.

I’m sure glad those banks are happy to have that new law to ‘protect’ us consumers. But if you need verifiable legal tender quick, the only way to get it from a bank seems to be to wear a ski mask.

Letters to the editor

Group worked hard

An article entitled, “People for the Owyhees pulls out of Initiative Workgroup” in your February 16th was an interesting interpretation of the happenings, but from our perspective inaccurate. On behalf of the recreational groups that make-up People for the Owyhees, I would like to set the record straight.

First and most importantly, we did not resign from the workgroup. Since inception of the process in 2001, recreational groups represented by People for the Owyhees have been making the point that recreation was under-represented on the workgroup. We had one seat at the table while the ranching community had 4 and the conservation community had 3. We asked for more representation and were turned down. Interesting enough, however, about halfway through the process an additional seat was allocated to the conservation community, giving them 4 votes.

At the October 22, 2004 Oyhwee Initiative Workgroup meeting where the final vote was taken, People for the Owyhees once again proposed that additional seats be added for recreation. Our exact proposed amendment read:

“Membership of the OI Board will be members of the coalition workgroup created and appointed by the Owyhee County Commissioners at the time enabling legislation is passed except two new positions shall be established from organizations representing an affected hunting/fishing organization and an affected mountain bike or equestrian organization. A representative from an affected motorized organization like the Idaho Trail Machine Association or the Idaho Off-Road 4X4 Club shall replace the People for the Owyhee position.”

No vote was taken on the amendment; it was instead sent on to the County Commissioners for consideration. We are delighted that they have finally agreed with us. The tragedy is that it happened in the implementation stage, not while the agreement was being negotiated. Had recreation been

adequately represented throughout the process, things might be different today and the recreation groups from People for the Owyhees might be supporting the agreement.

The recreation groups from People for Owyhees worked hard throughout the process. We were hopeful that a final agreement would be reached that protected the resources, provided some certainty for ranching and offered a variety of well-managed recreation experiences for all those who chose to visit this incredible piece of public land. Had recreation not been marginalized by their lack of representation, that could have happened.

Sandra F. Mitchell
Boise

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

March 13, 1980

Valley C of C to honor Uda

Bette Uda of Homedale will be honored Thursday, April 17 as an “Outstanding Citizen” by the Treasure Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The activities honoring Mrs. Uda will begin a 6:30 p.m. with a social hour at Owyhee Lanes in Homedale. The dinner will follow.

Mrs. Uda is well known in the Homedale area for her work, especially in the field of youth activities. During the past decade she has helped organize numerous events for the young people of the community and spearheaded fund raising efforts to finance the programs.

Bette serves on the Homedale City Council and is in charge of the City Recreation program. Since coming to the council she has expanded the city recreation program into many new areas, all at little or no cost to the taxpayers. Most of the programs are self-supporting or are financed with funds raised by Councilperson Uda through continuing paper drives and other such events.

Along with her city council work, Bette has been active in the Homedale PTA and the PTA’s annual International Smorgasbord.

The public is invited to attend the April 17 dinner. Person planning to attend are asked to call Owyhee Lanes in advance for reservations.

Lehman quits Marsing post

A change in administration at Marsing High school will take place in the fall, following the resignation of Principal Mike Lehman.

Lehman, who has been in the Marsing system nine years, submitted his resignation at the regular monthly meeting of the district board of trustees Tuesday evening.

Lehman’s decision to resign apparently came after the board decided to alter the duties of the principal’s position. The trustees had indicated earlier this year they felt the principal should teach half of each day. At the Tuesday meeting Lehman asked the board members if they still planned to go with a teacher-administrator. When the answer was in the affirmative, Lehman submitted his resignation.

Uranga honored

Julie Uranga, a junior guard on the Homedale girls state champion basketball team, was honored as the Outstanding Player of the past season at a banquet held March 3 at Washington Elementary School in Homedale.

Nancy Breshears, a senior forward on the team was honored as Outstanding Offensive Player. Breshears was also named a District 3 All-Star and, along with Julie Uranga, was a member of the All-Western Idaho Conference team.

Andrea Jackson, known for her aggressive floor play, was honored at the banquet as Outstanding Defensive Player.

Cindy Breshears and Shelley Sayers shared the Most Inspirational Player award.

Bonnie Haylett, who finished the year as a varsity starter known for her outside shooting was named Most Improved and Suzanna Drum, Most Appreciated.

Area locals

Mr. and Mrs. Verle Wretling, Homedale, accompanied by Mrs. Myrtle Spellman, Fargo, visited with Mrs. Susan Wretling and Bill Workman at Cascade Convalescent Home, Caldwell, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Berniece Fisher, Greenleaf, entertained at dinner Sunday honoring the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Harold Pamperien, Caldwell. Other guests included Mr. Pamperien, Mrs. Esther McCormick of Adrian, Mrs. Lela Milton of Ridgeview, Mrs. Myrtle Spellman of Fargo, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dewey of Clearwater, Idaho.

Saturday evening callers of Mrs. Myrtle Spellman were Mrs. Nellie Lawrence of Caldwell; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fackrell and Ruth, Mrs. Elsie Fackrell and Margaret Fackrell of Mountain Home.

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March 17, 1955

New school building planned

Faced with insufficient classroom facilities and an increasing grade school enrollment, the Homedale school board at its Monday night meeting approved plans for construction of a six room school and improvement of the building site just north of the present Homedale elementary school, according to James C. Hayes, school board chairman.

A notice will be published and the proposal will go to a vote of the people in the school district before plans can be completed, Charles Zollinger, superintendent of Homedale schools, announced.

The proposed building will be 210 feet overall length and would contain six 27x32 foot classrooms, with adjoining washrooms and a supply room. The new school could use the hot lunch and heating facilities of the present grade school and it would be located conveniently for a minimum of labor and materials in hooking to the sewer servicing the present grade school buildings.

Approval of an additional five mill levy will be necessary to finance building of the proposed new school and pay for improvement of the site and repairs necessary to other school buildings, Supt. Zollinger said.

Two local girls capped as nurses

Twenty girls were capped as student nurses at the Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene, Ore., Sunday afternoon. Among them were two 1954 graduates of Homedale high school, Bonita Powell and Frances Kushlan.

The procession began with three songs by the St. Francis high school choraleers. An address was then given by S. J. Hoffman, M.D., Chief of the medical staff. Then the girls gave in unison the Nightingale pledge.

Vanderhoff on fifth tour of duty

Serving aboard the destroyer USS Collette on its fifth tour of duty here is Paul W. Vanderhoff, chief boatswain’s mate, USN, son of Mrs. C. M. Vanderhoff of Homedale, Idaho, and husband of the former Miss Henrietta M. Heitman of Aliquippa, Pa.

Before entering the Navy in May, 1938 he graduated from the Homedale high school.

The Collett was one of the first Navy Ships to see action in the Korean campaign and earned the Presidential Unit Citation for her part in the Inchon invasion in September, 1950.

Marsing

Mr. and Mrs. George Baalson visited in Weiser in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Yeates over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Young entertained the George Baalsons Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Julio Churruca are the parents of a daughter.

Visiting in the George and Lewis Ellis homes the past week were Mr. Omar and Arthur Ellis and Mrs. Clara Williams.

President Swenson of the Nampa Stake and Leon Hale were visitors at the Marsing L.D.S. church services Sunday.

The Marsing L.D.S. Relief Society will hold its anniversary celebration Thursday evening with a banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taggart and family are moving to Vale, Ore., this week where they have purchased a farm.

The Marsing sophomores are sponsoring a girl date boy St. Patrick’s dance to be held on March 18. Attendance will be by invitation.

Mrs. Rachel Allen of Nampa visited in the Poinciana Arrizabalaga home over the weekend.

Harry Woods is much improved. He has been in the Veterans hospital in Boise the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ellis were Sunday dinner guests of the Virgil Tuckers.

Mrs. Emma Blakeslee had the measles the past week-end.

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March 16, 1867

HILL BEACHEY is reported as well pleased with the cutoff via Hall’s Ranch and the Forks of the Owyhee Camp McDermit. The proprietors of the new road measured it with a chain at the time Beachey went over, and found a new and direct pass through from The Forks to McDermit. From Silver to Hall’s Ranch the distance is called twenty miles; from the latter to The Forks, the measurement makes it thirty, and thence to McDermit (due south—leaving Summit Springs to the right) thirty miles. Thus a saving of at least fifty miles will be effected on this side of McDermit, and Beachey has men at work beyond McDermit viewing the route and matters pertaining thereto so as to further reduce the distance and the time occupied by the through stages. The determination is to shorten the time between Owyhee and San Francisco so that, when the roads get settled, three days will be sufficient. A good natural road is found from McDermit in to The Forks, and the bridge men are going to have a ferry on the main stream immediately below, by the middle of April, when the new arrangement will go into effect. In the meantime, we are creditably informed, the Jordan Valley Toll-Road Co. will make a stage road direct from Boonville to Hall’s Ranch, which will set aside still another kick of the side new traveled. Altogether, a great improvement on the matter of communication will be practically demonstrated within a month – six weeks at most.

P.S. Since the foregoing was put in type, Mr. J. A. J. Chapman, one of the exploring party, called on us – requesting us to state that the thanks of the party are due Col. Baker at McDermit, Cols. Coppinger and O’Byrneat Winthrop, and Jho. Fareneman, Esq., at Hall’s Ranch, for many favors in the way of horses to ride, escorts for protection, &c, &c. The foregoing is so nearly correct that for the present it is unnecessary to occupy more space. Mr. Chapman is severely afflicted with snow-blindness, a gift resulting from the trip, as others of the party are likewise. By the way, there are generally quite a number afflicted with the snow disease.

CAPT. R. D. PIERCE has an organized company of sixteen men for the prospecting tour to the south and east of here as before mentioned in the Avalanche. The Captain and G. L. Howard of the company were in town on Thursday, and the others of the party were in Jordan Valley awaiting their return, when a forward movement would be commenced. One of the company has been through the region of country to be examined, and all are confident of finding rich placer mines. This belief is shared by many others in Owyhee. Captain Pierce finds much happiness in the discovery of mines, and in this land the pursuit he has the sincere wishes of everybody for another success. We hope the party will be pleased to furnish the Avalanche with notes of their progress whenever opportunity offers.

COUNTY SEALS. The county recorder and clerk have each been provided with a lever press and engraved seal. Heretofore the County has been without these official appendages. In addition to their use, they lend a little more tone and impression to the offices. The recent Legislature has provided against any money getting into the Treasury and a little style is quite opportune in the way of keeping up appearances.

THE CELEBRATION of St. Patrick’s Day will occur on the 18th next Monday evening. The exercises will consist of a social dance and supper, and anybody can have full swing at each for the small sum of five dollars in greenbacks. The Hall is roomy and well adapted for a large party enjoying dancing, fun and comfort. Tickets sell readily and a large party will be in attendance. We acknowledge the appropriate compliments.

BILLIARD MATCH. Tomorrow (Sunday) evening, at 7 o’clock, a contest with the balls and one will come off in the Challenge Saloon between two well known players of Owyhee. A wager of \$160 is staked to lend the affair interest. Admission free, but it would be no objection if visitors would take a few scads along and give the bar a benefit.

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
TS NO. 05-00467
DOC ID #000210218922005N
TITLE ORDER NO. 5034222
PARCEL NO.
RP03N05W242555A

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, on 06/24/2005 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 11/26/2002 as Instrument Number 241720, and executed by Debbie Hansen and Clark G Hansen, as Grantor(s), in favor of Full Spectrum Lending, as Beneficiary, to ReconTrust Company, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho: EXHIBIT A A part of the Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter, Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter, monumented with a 5/8 inch rebar, with a plastic cap marked LS 832; thence South 89°32'00" East, 120.00 feet along the North boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter; thence South 00°21'03" East 385.21 feet parallel with the West boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter; thence North 63°18'56" West 32.45 feet along the Northerly right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railroad; thence 102.74 feet along the arc of a 5,679.65 feet radius railroad curve left; said having a long chord bearing North 62°47'51" West, 102.73 feet; thence North 00°21'03" West 324.64 feet along the West boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter to the POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT any portion lying within the railroad Right-of-way. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, Route 1 Market Road, Homedale, ID 83628 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 11/01/2004 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 9.000% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$80,960.66, plus interest, costs and expenses

actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, and that the debt may be disputed. The above grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. Dated: -- ReconTrust Company, N.A., 177 Countrywide Way Lancaster, CA 80028-1821 Phone: (800) 281-8219 Successor Trustee -- ASAP634722

3/9,16,23,30/05
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
T.S. NO. ARCH-04-01770-HE
LOAN NO. 72726250

On 6/30/2005 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee on behalf of LandAmerica Default Services 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 real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 13 and 14 in Block 16 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. APN: RPA0010016013AA The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 412 W California Ave, Homedale, ID, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Donald L. Liddell and Viola F. Liddell, husband and wife, as Grantor/Truster, in which TMS Mortgage Ins., dba The Money Store, is named as Beneficiary and Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., a Delaware Corporation as Trustee and recorded 12/26/1995, as Instrument No. 217646 in book ---, page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: 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 set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 12/19/1995, the monthly payments for principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$700.40, due per month

for the months of 12/1/2003 through 2/25/2005 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$64,610.93, plus accrued interest at the rate of 11.5 per cent(%) per annum from 11/1/2003. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have not further recourse. Dated: 2/25/05 By: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company By: -- THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE ASAP635740

3/09,16,23,30/05
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
LOAN NO: 1448197
T.S. NO.: 04-1369-ID

On 4/28/2005, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time) A the entrance to Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy ID 83650. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company by Alliance Title Company, its duly authorized agent, as trustee on behalf of New Centruy Mortgage Corporation will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: A parcel of land being a portion of the east one-half of the northwest quarter of section 28, township 3 north, range 4 west, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found brass cap marking the northwest corner of said section 28, township 3 north, range 4 west, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and being the centerline intersection of Dunlap Street and Edison Street, said brass cap bears north 0 degrees 00' 00" east, 2666.85 feet from a found 5/8" iron pin marking the west quarter corner of said section 28 and being the centerline intersection of said Edison Street and Bruneau Highway; thence south 88 degrees 52' 33" east, 1996.52 feet along the north boundary of the said northwest quarter of section 28 and along the centerline of Dunlap Street to a found 5/8" iron pin; thence south 01 degrees 06' 45" west, 1315.59 feet along the centerline of an existing concrete irrigation ditch to a point, said point being witnessed by a found 1/2" iron pin which bears north 89 degrees 09' 40" west, 5.00 feet; thence north 89 degrees 09' 40" west, 329.12 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin, said pin marking the real point of beginning; thence south 0 degrees 34' 46" west, 674.44 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin lying on the south boundary of the north one-half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of said sec-

tion 28; thence north 89 degrees 09' 40" west, 319.85 feet along said south boundary of the north one-half of the northwest quarter of section 28 to a found 5/8" iron pin marking the southwest corner of the said north one-half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 28; thence north 0 degrees 02' 49" east 674.50 feet along the east boundary of the said east one-half of the northwest quarter of section 28 to a set 1/2" iron pin, said pin bears north 0 degrees 02' 49" east, 9.99 feet from a found 5/8" iron pin marking the northwest corner of the said one-half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 28; thence south 89 degrees 09' 40" east, 326.12 feet to the real point of beginning. Together with that certain 60.00 foot wide easement for ingress, egress, utility and irrigation maintenance as described as easement description, no. 6 in document entitled "Correction affidavit, Louck's Property division no. Two), recorded February 7, 1997 as instrument no. 220920 and as shown as existing 60' wide easement no. 6 and no. 13 on the record of survey for Les and Lavada Loucks, recorded November 24, 1997 as instrument no. 223375, all in the Owyhee County records. 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 that the address of: 6057 Claytonia Way Marsing, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power

of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Kenneth D. Park and Shawna M. Park, husband and wife, As grantor(s), To: First American Title Insurance Company by Alliance Title Company, Its duly authorized agent, as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of New Century Mortgage Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 3/22/2004, recorded 3/26/2004, as Instrument No. 247219, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: 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 set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 3/22/2004. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$943.68 due per month from 9/1/2004 through 4/28/2005, and all subsequent payments untill the dates of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$129,773.08, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.875% per annum from 8/1/2004 All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: December 28, 2004 By: First American Title Insurance Company By Alliance Title Company, Its Duly Authorized Agent Les Poppitt P224951.

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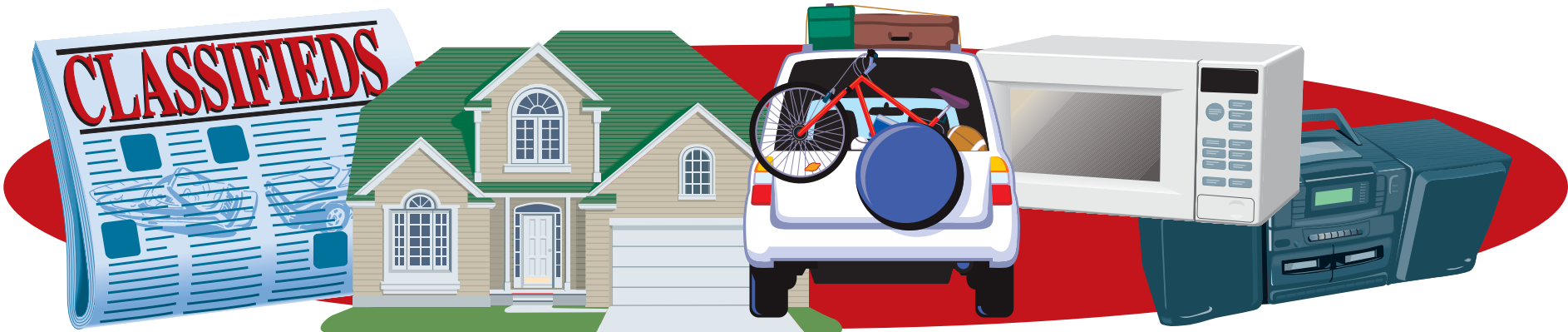
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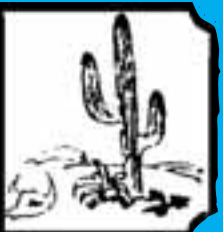
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