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'The building would close and not open again'



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The Idaho Hotel has been a fixture in Silver City since the middle of the 19th century. The road closure caused by New Year's flooding threatens the viability of the hotel and other businesses and could turn the old mining town into a true Idaho ghost town. Photo by Joe Aman

Road to nowhere?

Restoration of Silver City Road vital to business

Since traffic into Silver City was brought to a halt by major flooding on Dec. 31 and New Year's Day, the town's business owners are worried that their livelihoods also may be brought to an end and the community may indeed turn into a ghost town.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said last week that he can only estimate how long it will take to repair damage to about six miles of the Silver City Road, but he said it could take from eight months to a year before traffic is allowed into the backcountry town.

Silver City has three businesses in town, including the Idaho Hotel, Pat's What-Not Shop and Sinker Creek Outfitters.

Roger and Jerri Nelson own

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and operate the Idaho Hotel, which has been in the center of the city since the 1860s. Jerri said if the hotel does not operate during the late spring and summer months, it could possibly be shut down.

"We have been steady," Jerri said Wednesday. "We have not made huge amounts of money, but we have been able to keep

the business open and maintain the building. That has always been our goal. If we are closed for the summer, I don't know what we will do. I know that if we have no income, it could probably shut down for good."

Jerri is reluctant to think about the fate of the hotel if access isn't restored soon.

"I have been thinking about this in the back of my mind, but have not wanted to face it yet," she said. "The building would close and not open again, is what would happen."

The hotel was moved to Silver City from Ruby City in 1866, and a three-story addition was built on to the original structure. Spring water was piped into the hotel, and a new

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Homedale votes to shut off water to park Jan. 31

The Homedale City Council approved, again, shutting off city water to about 50 residents of the Sunset Village Mobile Home Park if the park's owners do not bring their water account up to date.

The battle has been brewing for several years after a previous city administration entered into an agreement with Sunset Village owners Bob and Jane Sevieri to read water meters individually, but it came to a head recently when the Sevieris sued the city for breach of contract.

In December, the council had approved shutting off the water

to the park on Jan. 10, the same day of the last council meeting. But after receiving a complaint and demand for a jury trial suit from the Sevieris, Homedale Mayor Paul Fink overrode the council decision and stopped the shut-off.

During last week's meeting, the council again agreed that the city could shut off the park's water, setting a Jan. 31 termination date unless the Sevieris pay nearly \$4,000 in back water bills. The decision came after the council

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City, irrigation district appointments stalled

The City of Homedale and the South Board of Control were scheduled to make New Year appointments during two separate meetings earlier this month, but neither the City Council nor the irrigation board made any.

Each January, appointments are scheduled to be made by governmental entities. In the city, the police chief, city clerk, city services supervisor, city attorney and building inspector are appointed. But Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said during a meeting last week that he would

not make the appointments during the first meeting. He said "maybe" during a meeting on Jan. 25 or at the first meeting in February.

All appointments are expected to be made within the first 30 days of January. Fink said he would not comment on why he was not ready to make the appointments.

The South Board of Control is also facing the same issue after a Jan. 2 meeting that abruptly ended in executive session.

The board met after

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Nampa shooting may be linked to Homedale

Investigators said an argument over vandalism might have been the reason for a suspected gang-related shooting in Nampa last week.

Nampa Police are investigating the shooting that damaged a car and a house just after 5 a.m. Friday in the 1100 block of 13th Avenue South in Nampa. No one was hurt in the incident.

Officials said during the investigation victims indicate that the shooting might be retaliation for an incident that occurred in Homedale earlier last week.

Officers responding to the Nampa shooting discovered a 1997 Oldsmobile had been struck

by bullets, along with railroad ties being used as a border around the home. Investigators believe that the home was the intended target.

Police interviewed the occupants of the residence and said that information suggests the shooting was gang-related.

Friday’s incident marked the third instance of shots being fired in Nampa so far this year. No suspects have been arrested in any of the cases yet. But detectives said they are looking at some leads.

Anyone with information about the incidents should call the Nampa Police Department at 465-2257.



Second week winners

Winners of the second week of ticket sales for the upcoming International Smorgasbord that will be held next month were (front row, left to right): Amanda Cook, \$76; Zachary Mereness, \$194; Bryce Osborn, \$173; and Kyle Purdom, \$52 in dinner tickets. Standing behind the students, from left to right, are: co-chairman Kelley Hansen and coordinators Dirk and Robin Tolmie. Each student received a large Hershey candy bar from Paul’s Markets, free bowling at Owyhee Lanes and 10 dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

Marsing man charged with burglary, theft

A Marsing man was arrested last week for breaking into a home on Old Bruneau Highway. But after deputies searched his home, several items from vehicle burglaries were also found, including county items stolen from a county vehicle.

Jeremy Lawrence, 34, was taken into custody and charged with burglary and grand theft, and Owyhee County Deputy Jim Bish said more charges are pending.



Jeremy Lawrence

Lawrence is accused of breaking into a Marsing home and stealing a pistol, coins, knives and other small items he could fit into his coat pocket. Bish said the home had an alarm system and law enforcement was notified.

Bish said Lawrence was stopped near the home. A day later, investigators found the coat in brush near the burglarized residence.

Later, an undercover officer went to Lawrence’s home claiming to be returning his lost coat with the stolen items in the pockets. Bish said when Lawrence admitted the coat was his, he was arrested.

“We were able to receive a

consent to search his room at the home and discovered items believed to be stolen,” Bish continued. “We found a second pistol and items reported stolen from several vehicles.”

Additional items were discovered from a second vehicle burglary.

“We were able to solve another vehicle burglary that had not been reported,” Bish said. “Later we located a briefcase with boxes of checks. Upon returning the checks to the name on them, we found them to also have been stolen.”

The briefcase was tracked to Deputy County Assessor Doug Cook, who had reported a vehicle burglary earlier. Bish said the briefcase contained property receipts and appraisal information and a county-owned digital camera that was located at Lawrence’s home.

“We were able to solve three vehicle burglaries, two mail box thefts and a home burglary,” Bish said. “We still have some property that we are attempting to identify.”

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Ongoing drug investigation nets additional arrests

In an continuing effort to remove drugs from the county, Homedale Police Department, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and Idaho State Police made several additional arrests last week and seized more than two pounds of marijuana, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Earlier this month, Mark Richter and Jacob Frans were arrested on drug-related charges in Homedale. Last week, two more drug arrests were made.

Law enforcement, conducting a follow-up investigation, seized two pounds of marijuana from a home on Kansas Avenue in Homedale.

Rusty Haskins, 28, was arrested and charged with possession and trafficking after officers found the drugs in his home and in a guitar case. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said his department took possession of a vehicle used in the transportation of the drugs and the instrument case.

Haskins also was arrested on a warrant from Canyon County.

“If this is what we have to do to let these drug dealers know we are not going to tolerate this in our town, then we will seize everything that is used in commission with the crime,” Eidemiller said.

“We don’t want them in our town, and we are going to do what it takes to get them out. We have made several arrests over the last year of some very dangerous people. For some reason, they seem to land here.”



Rusty Haskins

A quarter of a pound of also marijuana was found at a home in Homedale, but officers declined to release the suspect’s name pending further investigation. The suspect in the case could be charged with possession with intent to deliver.

In the county, two residences

were investigated and more marijuana was found as well as small amounts of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

County Deputy Jim Bish said Joy Middleton, 44, was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and a second unidentified county resident will be summoned to court for possession of methamphetamine, marijuana and paraphernalia. Bish said the second resident’s name could not be released pending further investigation.

“Several other residences were contacted in Homedale and Marsing, but no further arrests have been made at this time,” Bish said. “It is an ongoing investigation, and we expect further arrests in the future. We have a lot of individuals selling drugs, and we are trying to put a stop to it.”

Bish said the street value of the drugs taken is about \$3,000.

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MSD plans its first PTA meeting

The first meeting of the Marsing School District PTA is planned for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the elementary school. The meeting will take place in the gifted and talented room near the old multipurpose room.

All parents of district students are encouraged to attend. Babysitting will be available for children ages 3-8.

For more information, contact Corina Draper 896-4664 or Brandi Elumbaugh 402-4129.



Total devastation

Homedale Fire Department responded to fully engulfed house fire on North 3rd Street West early Monday morning that left a family of 10 homeless. Fire officials said the fire ignited near the front door; but could not determine the cause by press time. Residents of the home — Jose and Alicia Cortez and their six children — were not injured in the blaze.

Homedale Academic Bowl team ready for 2006 season

The Homedale Middle School Academic Bowl team will begin its season at 4:15 p.m. today in Weiser.

Barbie Vanderboegh serves as advisor for the team, which is scheduled to compete in five Academic Bowl meets with other Snake River Valley conference schools.

There are 11 students on the team, which also has meets Feb. 15 and May 17 in Ontario, Ore.;

March 15 in Payette at McCain Middle School and April 19 in McCall at Payette Lakes Middle School.

“We want to thank (Homedale schools superintendent Tim) Rosandick and the board for supporting this activity with such enthusiasm, and look forward to the first competition,” HMS activities director Luci Asumendi said in a press release announcing the season.

Homedale teen gives aid to victims of house fires

Eagle Scout project benefits fire fund

The devastating fire at his uncle’s home six years ago prompted a Homedale teenager to compile burn-out kits for the Homedale Fire Department, which he presented to the department last week.

Tyler Leslie singlehandedly gathered hundreds of donated items and money from area businesses and put together 12 kits that the fire department will give to people who find themselves devastated by the effects of a house fire.

Tyler is the son of Greg and Meri Leslie. He said when faced with finding a project to earn his Eagle Scout award, he said he could not forget the overwhelming effects of the fire his uncle endured six years ago. He said while watching the national tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, he felt urged to compile emergency items in a kit.

“The kits are for the fire department to give to those who have been displaced from their homes due to fire, floods or other disasters,” Tyler said. “Each kit contains necessities that we take for granted every day, like toothbrushes, razors, soap, diapers and activities for children.

“I went to businesses and families in Homedale, and if they could not donate an item, most would donate money.”

Along with the kits, Tyler gave the fire department nearly \$100 for its burnout fund. Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui said he was overwhelmed by the generosity and the work Leslie accomplished in compiling the items.

“I am so proud,” Salutregui said during a gathering Monday. “You



Eagle scout

Tyler Leslie, left, gives a burn-out kit to Fire Board Commissioners (from left to right) Fred Degeus, Wendell Hyer and Ric Uria last week. Leslie compiled 12 kits for his Eagle Scout project.

are always left with an empty feeling when you leave a house fire. We go to the scene, put out the fire and the victims are left with the remains. These kits will help show that someone cares. It is a wonderful project.”

Salutregui said the department has a burnout fund, but while people are given things that they need, it’s the simple necessities that can be forgotten.

Tyler’s kit includes shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, clippers, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, female personal hygiene products, hairbrushes, rubber gloves, disposable cameras, baby wipes, diapers in several sizes, crayons and coloring books all stored in a 5-gallon bucket for protection.

“I thank everyone who donated,” Tyler said. “Because of their generosity and kind donation, we are able to better the lives of those in our community when disaster occurs. Without the generous

sponsorships, none of this would be possible.”

Tyler is a member of Scout Crew 509 and said he has spent many years in Scouts. His advisor, Nolan Taggart, said he has several scouts working on their Eagle Scout awards. Tyler spent 160 hours on his project and received donations from more than 60 people in the community.

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Marsing ponders skateboard ordinance

Because of an increasing amount of complaints and safety issues, the Marsing City Council is considering a skateboard ordinance that will control skateboarders, rollerbladers and bicycles on city property.

The ordinance, still in its drafting stage, will be used to set limits on the use for recreation of wheeled apparatuses in congested areas to protect public safety and damage to the property.

The ordinance defines two “zones,” a dismount zone and an all wheels down zone. The zones have yet to be determined by the city.

In the dismount zone, all wheeled apparatuses will be prohibited and in the all wheels down zone, wheeled apparatuses will be allowed.

Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt said the city has received many complaints from property owners

near city land about skateboarders riding and destroying property. He said children have been found to ride on the picnic tables at the city parks and have caused some minor damage to the Bureau of Land Management office. He said he hopes to pass an ordinance, which will curb some of the problems.

Penalties for violating the ordinance could result in an infraction citation and a fine up

to \$25 plus court costs.

The council plans to review the ordinance during next month’s meeting on Feb. 8.

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Road to Silver tops priority list

The main road to Silver City tops the list of priorities for Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, who says he'll push to get work on the most-traveled access to the small backcountry town done as soon as possible.

"We are very concerned for the people who live in and frequent Silver City," Aman said. "It is not just a visitors retreat. Some people live there from the time they can get in during the late spring until the snow begins to fly."

"The Silver City Road is a top priority for us. It is the next road that will be fixed. I just can't say exactly how long it will take."

Aman said Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has approved a request for \$100,000 additional funds for the project.

"That will let us go to work to get the Oreana Loop Road finished," Aman said.

The sheriff said when the snow melts, he does not expect people to be able to travel to Silver City by vehicle by way of Jordan Creek off of Highway 95 near Jordan Valley. He said the Jordan Creek road is not as bad as Silver City, but it probably will not be passable by vehicle.

"If the county or another contractor can go into that road and get it done faster, I am sure that could work," Aman said. "We



Silver City Church

This church won't be blocked from public view for long if Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman has anything to do with it. He says the road to Silver City tops the flood recovery list. Photo by Joe Aman

can't see underneath the snow, so we don't know what exactly we have in there."

The hope is to begin work in March, and the project would conclude in June. But the progress would depend on weather conditions and availability of money.

"We are going to do whatever is possible to get Silver City opened up as soon as possible," Aman said.

Thursday, the road closed signs were removed from the intersection of Silver City Road and Highway 78 and moved seven miles closer to Silver City. Aman said the move will allow people to access the lower valley by vehicle. Aman said the road closed sign is now located about 4 miles from Sinker Creek, just past the end of the pavement.

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State/FEMA disaster assessments under way

At the request of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, federal and state officials are conducting Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) in Owyhee County to assess damage to public facilities from flooding caused by heavy rains and snow during the New Year's storm.

Floodwaters rendered three major county roads impassable, and damaged other roadways and flooded property.

According to Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (IBHS) Director Bill Bishop, a PDA team consisting of representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and IBHS were scheduled to begin assessments in Owyhee County on Tuesday.

"Joint PDA teams visit and inspect damaged areas, document damages and talk with local officials," said Bishop. "It's a partnership effort designed to provide a clear picture of the extent and locations of damage."

"The PDA doesn't try to determine the total cost of the recovery," said FEMA Regional Director John Pennington. "We look at the overall scope of damages to establish if recovery is beyond the capabilities and resources of state and local governments."

Irrigation district warns of increased river flows

The Owyhee Irrigation District has issued a warning to those downstream of possible increases in flows from Owyhee Reservoir during the next several days.

Officials cite continuing precipitation in the area and a need to prepare for flood control operations as the reason for the possible increase in flows.

Owyhee Dam is located on the Owyhee River in Oregon, about 50 miles west of Boise.

The release of water from the reservoir is currently at a rate of about 250 cubic feet per second. The increased runoff is a result of higher than normal snow pack and warmer weather conditions during the last several weeks.

The increased flows will help prevent the reservoir from filling too rapidly, thus decreasing the risk of high flows later in the runoff season.

Downstream flow rates between Owyhee Dam and the Snake River will fluctuate to sustain the necessary reservoir storage requirements.

The higher flows are expected to occur during the next few weeks until appropriate space has been made available.



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found that the 2003 memorandum of agreement between the city’s previous administration and the Sevieris never received proper council approval.

Bob Sevieri was scheduled to appear at last week’s meeting, but he didn’t show up.

Phone calls placed by The Owyhee Avalanche to Susan Buxton, attorney for the Sevieris, were not returned.

The original agreement is signed by former Mayor Hap Duryee, former City Clerk Pam Dugger and then-City Engineer/City Services Supervisor Bob Walker.

The City Council never voted to ratify the agreement, according to a review of council meeting minutes.

City Engineer Fred Ostler advised councilmembers last week that upholding the two-year-old agreement would violate the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

A Memorandum of Agreement entered into by Duryee, Dugger and Walker with the Sevieris on Aug. 14, 2003.

Highlights of that agreement include:

— Homedale agreed to allow the meters to be installed, and the city will bill individual property owners for service. Renters and leasers would not be billed.

— The city would maintain two existing master meters, while the owners are responsible for any excess water registered.

— The owners would maintain the system and the city would be responsible for maintenance of the meters.

— Future replacement meters would be the responsibility of the city and only new customers would be charged hook-up fees.

It is unclear in the agreement if the term “owners” referred to the Sevieris or owners of mobile homes in the park. City attorney Chris Nye said during last week’s meeting that a judge would have to rule on the true intent of the agreement, but he felt “owners” referred to the Sevieris.

Attempts by The Owyhee Avalanche to get further comment on the issue from Nye were unsuccessful.

Fink said the city purchased 50 water meters for the park and Sevieri reimbursed the city \$5,690.84, or about \$114 each, for them. The mayor said anyone moving into a new home in town would have paid more than \$700 apiece for the meters.

According to minutes from the June 11, 2003, city council meeting then-council members approved allowing Sevieri to install individual meters to the spaces located at the park. But no minutes have been found showing that council members approved the agreement or the

city purchasing the meters.

The June 11, 2003, minutes also show that the city would continue to read the park’s meter but would not take over the distribution lines because they were located under the homes. Former councilman David Frelove moved to approve the installation, and councilman Dave Downum seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

“I know that our intent was to allow him to put in individual meters, but to the best of my knowledge, we never agreed to bill each tenant,” Downum said last week. “I cannot recall approving purchasing the meters for him or signing any kind of contract. Our intention at the time was to let him install them, that was all.”

Frelove could not be reached for comment.

Ostler told the council last week that if individual park residents were billed, the city would accept many liabilities for water quality and quantity, public health and safety, as well as the stewardship of the public trust.

“For a number of well-defined reasons, it has been a long established operational policy for all public water systems to end their responsibilities at the (park’s master) water meter,” Ostler said. “Once the water flows through the water meter, it then becomes the responsibility of the consumer to use that potable water in a prudent and responsible manner.

“For the city to take responsibility for any action — reading sub-meters, or consumption past the point of the official water meter — is functionally wrong and puts an undue burden and liability upon the city and its citizens.”

Ostler said that once the water service line leaves the public right-of-way or easement, it converts to a private water facility and the costs of repairs or distribution become the responsibility of the property owner, in this case the Sevieris.

Ostler told the council that, according to an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality official he spoke with regarding the Sunset Mobile Home Park situation, no water supplier would extend or provide water service to any sub-metered water system because of liability issues. He said if the water customer installs sub-meters after the initial service is provided, water suppliers would discontinue service until the sub-meters are removed.

“In summary, sub-metered water systems violate the intents and purposes of the SDWA, and it is not advised for any water purveyor to participate in such arrangements for a large number of reasons not limited to those stated,” Ostler said.

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Silver

kitchen was built in 1871. When the Nelsons acquired the building from “Mr. Silver City” Ed Jagels after his passing in 2001, Jerri said they tried to keep the building in as much of its natural state as they could.

Jerri said the watchman — hired to stay in the town during the winter months — usually does not remain in the city throughout the late spring and summer months. She said the homeowners usually take over when they can get in. Now she doesn’t know what will happen or who will take care of the city.

“One of the main reasons that Silver City has survived and so many of the little towns up there haven’t is because there is always someone left in town to make sure the buildings are secure,” Jerri said.

“We had planned to do some work on the hotel as well this summer, but now we can’t get in to do anything. Two years ago, we lost the 1890s additional wing to the saloon because of heavy snow. We are up there after New Year’s every two to three weeks to shovel snow and light fires to keep some of the snow off the roofs. There is a constant maintenance up there. Every year when we go in May, there is something. It is horrible to be down here and not be able to check things out. The snow removal is a big one.”

Paul Nettleton said he began a horse tour business in the city last year and looked forward to a busy summer, but now his business may come to an end. He said Sinker Creek Outfitters offers trail rides ranging from two hours to overnight excursions. Nettleton said if there is no tourist trade for

this season, he expects to lose more than \$15,000.

“It will shut me down,” Nettleton said. “It is not my primary business, obviously, but we still have to feed the horses all through another year. This was going to be our big year. People were just finding out we were out there, and now this.”

Nettleton said he, and generations before him, have owned property in the city for more than 100 years.

“If the homeowners can’t even get up there, it will pretty much wreck Silver City,” Nettleton said. “We can’t even get up there and shovel the snow off the roofs. I usually go up several times a year to keep up on maintenance, but I don’t know what is going to happen.”

Nettleton said not only will the flood close his touring business, it is also will affect his livelihood in his ranching business. Nettleton grazes cattle in the Silver City area and said during the off months, he is usually repairing fences. He said if the road remains closed, he doesn’t know how he will get his cattle to pasture.

Clarence Orton has been watching over the city through the winter months as the watchman. He said he had an option to leave the town when the floods came through, but chose to remain and watch over the city. Wednesday, Orton said by telephone that the city is indeed a ghost town right now.

“I haven’t seen anyone since they left here the first of the year,” Orton said. “It has been very quiet. I find things to do. I check all of the buildings, and so far there has only been minor problems.”

Orton said as of last Wednesday,

only about 2 feet of snow lay on the ground in town. But he said the wind blows so much, a lot of snow drifting has taken place.

“A little higher, there is a lot of snow, but the wind drifts a lot,” Orton said.

Orton said he has enough supplies to last until March. After that, he had not planned on remaining in town.

Pat Nettleton owns and operates Pat’s What-Not Shop across the street from the Idaho Hotel. She said from her home in Boise last week that she has owned the shop for 17 years, but the loss of one summer would devastate her.

“It is a huge source of income for me,” Pat said last week. “We have people come to Silver City from all over the world. It is not just a place for locals, it is a place to live and work. That will all change now.”

Pat’s shop features a huge variety of souvenir items from jewelry, T-shirts, hats and shot glasses. She said she has custom items as well as gift items containing a piece of Silver City. She said, she was able to offer jewelry with Silver City crystals and actual gold panned from a creek in the area.

“I have a lot of customers who come up to see me. But the majority of my business is from out of state and people from all around the world. Silver City is such a national treasure we get people from clear across the world that make it a point to visit Silver City. I rely on the income I make from up there. There is no way I can make it without having my store open. This is truly my main source of income. It is not just a hobby, I am there most all the time.”

— CAB

Appoint

meetings for the Gem Irrigation District and the Ridgeview Irrigation District where several appointments were made, but in the South Board meeting the manager and secretary/treasurer appointments went unfulfilled.

Tim Leavitt, board member for the Gem Irrigation and the South Board, said last week that the South Board entered into an executive session meeting to discuss personnel issues. After heated discussions, however, the board ended the meeting without going out of executive session.

Leavitt and new Gem Irrigation District board members Elmon Thompson and Dale Chrz requested a special meeting be held Thursday, but newly appointed South Board chairman Steve Nash said the meeting was not possible because of previous obligations.

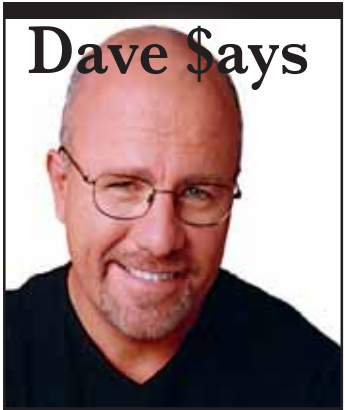
The three Gem board members — Thompson, Chrz and Nash — stated in a request for the meeting that some of the directors —

including all of the members from Ridgeview Irrigation District — had vacated the meeting after refusing to come out of executive session and voting on the agenda issue under discussion, the appointment of a manager. That post was filled by Rex Barrie in 2005.

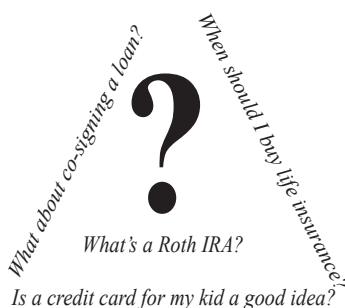
A special meeting to discuss personnel matters in executive session is planned in the Gem Irrigation District on Jan. 30 at the South Board of Control Office at 118 W. 1st South in Homedale at 1 p.m. The South Board of Control is scheduled to meet on Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. at the same location for the same reason.

Business that was accomplished during the series of meetings on Jan. 2 included appointing Rod Price as chairman of the Ridgeview Irrigation District and the election of Nash as chairman for the Gem district as well as the South Board of Control. Thompson and Chrz were sworn in as new directors for the Gem district, positions they won in November’s general election.

— CAB



How much should I save for retirement?



Dave’s got the answers to financial riddles each week in the

The Owyhee Avalanche

Obituary

Marguerite Louise (Torske) Hall

Marguerite Louise (Torske) Hall, 88, of Opaline/Marsing was born on April 17, 1917 in Heartwell, Nebraska to John and Maggie Torske and died in a Nampa hospital on Monday, January 9, 2006.

Viewing was held on Thursday from 6-8 pm and also Friday, from 10 to 10:45am at Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel. Funeral Services were held on Friday, Jan. 13, 2006 at 11am in Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel, burial followed at Melba Cemetery.

On Sept. 30, 1935 she married William Raymond Hall in Kearney, Nebraska. They came to Idaho in 1936 and made their home on the Snake River in Owhyee County. She was a judge on the water board and an election judge for a many, many years. Both worked for Plywood Factory in Portland, OR during

the 40's. She helped cook and take care of the Ranch house in Pendleton, OR on Wheat Ranch while Bill drove truck. She helped Hay and Milk right along with him on the farm. She belonged to the Opaline Givens Springs Club. In 1997 Bill passed away.

Survivors include daughter, Nona and Howard Donaldson; son, Jay and Pam Hall; Grandchildren, Kay & Cello Brouse, Bill Donaldson, Jason Hall, Carissa Hall; Great Grandchildren, Devan and Sophia Brouse; Sisters, Violet Baker of Hastings, NE, Marie Bloomgreen of South Dakota, Mildred and Ernie Hoover of Tacoma, WA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; Infant daughter, Willabe; parents; and 8 siblings.

Memorials may be made to the Marsing Ambulance Fund.

Honor roll

JV junior and senior high schools

First semester

The second nine-week honor roll for the 2005-06 school year at Jordan Valley junior high and high school:

High honors

12th grade — Michelle Baltzor, Frank Beckwith, Lauren Cuvelier, Beth Dowell, Hayley Johnson, Emil Scown

11th grade — Michelle Elsner, Breann Hipwell, Bailey Kershner, Lacey Kershner, Angela Larsen, Luisa Lowry, Megan Mackenzie, Chelicy Payne, Tina Stanford, Jerry Wroten

10th grade — Elisa Eiguren, Annie Mackenzie, Daniel Rothgeb

Ninth grade — Athena Beckwith, Kayla Cuvelier, Emma Johnson, Catie Kershner, Nickie Naegle

Eighth grade — Elias Cline, Katrina Moran, Michelle Telleria

Seventh grade — Kaine Baptist, Garrett Williams

Honors

12th grade — Paul McKay

11th grade — Shantel Gleason, Sequoi Trautman

10th grade — Tim Eiguren, Kelsey Prescott, Jessie White

Ninth grade — Tessa Matteri, Cole Scown

Eighth grade — Dusty Easterday

Seventh grade — Tyler Elsner, Taylor Lucas

Second nine-week period

The second nine-week honor roll for the 2005-06 school year at Jordan Valley junior high and high school:

High honors

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Ninth grade — Kayla Cuvelier, Emma Johnson, Catie Kershner, Nickie Naegle

Eighth grade — Elias Cline

Seventh grade — Kaine Baptist, Shelly Payne, Garrett Williams

Honors

11th grade — Michelle Elsner, Chelicy Payne

10th grade — Tim Eiguren, Kelsey Prescott, Jessie White

Ninth grade — Alek Quintero, Tessa Matteri, Cole Scown

Eighth grade — Katrina Moran, Michelle Telleria

Seventh grade — Taylor Lucas

Men’s Wild Game Dinner slated Saturday at Mtn. View Nazarene

The third annual Men’s Wild Game Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Homedale Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

The dinner is for men and their boys and will take place inside the church’s fellowship hall at 26515 Ustick Road — on the corner of

Ustick and Batt Corner.

Several outdoors items, including a new shotgun, will be available during a live auction.

Tickets for the dinner are \$5 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

For tickets or more information, call the church at 337-3151.

Calendar

Thursday

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday

Winter Beef School, lunch at noon, meeting from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Lions Den, Highway 95, Jordan Valley, Ore.

Monday

Winter Beef School, lunch at noon, meeting from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bruneau American Legion Hall.

Tuesday

Bingo, 1 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Marsing School District PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Marsing Elementary School Gifted and Talented Room. (208) 896-4664 or (208) 402-4129

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Financial Aid Night, Jim Wright from Boise State University will provide information on all types of

aid, grants and loans, for parents of Homedale High School seniors, 6:30 p.m., Homedale High School library. (208) 337-4933

Thursday, Jan. 26

Marsing Lions Optimist Football and Cheerleader board meeting, 6 p.m., Gateway Grill, Marsing. (208) 880-1099

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Monday, Jan. 30

Special meeting of the Gem Irrigation District, 1 p.m., South Board of Control Office, 118 W. 1st St. South, Homedale. Discuss personnel matters in executive session.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Special meeting of the South Board of Control, 1 p.m., South Board of Control Office, 118 W. 1st Street South, Homedale. Continuation to discuss personnel matters in executive session.

Submit information on upcoming fund-raisers, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. For information, call 337-4861.

Angus sire report cites local breeder

William L White of Murphy owns one bull listed in the 2006 Spring Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo. Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 4,914 sires, and is currently available online at www.angussiresearch.com.

“The report provides both Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers using Angus genetics with accurate, predictable selection tools for improving their herd,” says Bill Bowman, American Angus Association director of performance programs.

Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) are generated from the performance database of the American Angus Association, which includes information submitted by more than 9,000 Angus breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

EPDs are available for 17 traits.

The semi-annual analysis for the Sire Evaluation Report contains more than 14 million measures used to generate genetic predictions for the Angus breed.

Life’s milestones

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes any news of engagements, weddings and births or announcements of significant birthdays or anniversaries. Photos are accepted, too. Announcements must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week before publication.

There are numerous ways to get your information to the Avalanche:

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Your finances

Dave chimes in on car leases, child's life insurance

Dear Dave,
We leased a minivan, and now the lease period is almost up and we're not sure what to do. Should we buy the minivan, buy a new car or buy a used car? My husband and I have a combined income of \$80,000 a year, and we've got about \$26,000 in savings right now.
— Sherry

Dear Sherry,
Aside from "fleecing" your minivan, it sounds like you guys are doing alright. Leasing a car is the most expensive way to operate a vehicle. That's why I call it "fleecing." You're literally renting your car, and it's still going down in value. It's a really bad deal.
Also, NEVER buy a brand new car. New cars lose 60 percent of their value in the first four years, according to *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. In other words, if you buy a new car for \$28,000, it becomes worth \$11,000 in four years. You just can't get rich doing that. If I tried to sell you on some investment by telling you I'd turned \$28,000 into \$11,000 you'd think I was nuts! A two-year-old car is the best buy around. You get a ton of car for your money, you pay cash and you don't have this big, depreciating lump sitting in the middle of your driveway.
When it comes to cars, Sherry, you're always better off buying slightly used. You guys have the cash to buy a great two-year-old car outright and still have the bulk of your savings in place. Do that, and let someone else take the butt-kicking in depreciation.
— Dave

Dear Dave,
What are your views about having life insurance on small children?
— Winfred via e-mail

Dear Winfred,
I think it's a total waste of money and a scam. The only exception is that you might pick up a small rider on your term insurance policy — just enough to take care of a child's funeral expenses if something awful should happen. I did that for years, just a little \$15,000 rider, before I decided to self-insure on that issue.
Life insurance policies should never be used for things that this situation represents. Number one, they should never be used as an investment. They're garbage as investment vehicles. The second reason most people buy life insurance on kids is because they're scared the child may get really sick later on and become uninsurable. The likelihood of



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that happening is almost zero, and that's why it's so inexpensive.
The only people with a real need for life insurance are those who have others depending on them for their livelihood. These folks should carry about 10 times their annual income on a 20-year term life insurance policy.
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I was recently laid off due to a plant closing, and I'm ready and energized to start my own small business. The problem is I have no money, and I don't want to borrow. What are the odds of getting a government grant? I've heard that they are hard to get and that very few are worthwhile.
— Patrick via e-mail

Dear Patrick,
You're close on both counts. There are grants out there, and they're not impossible to receive. But they're virtually a myth. If you asked a handful of successful, small business owners how many of them found or used government grants to start their business, very few would raise their hands.
You can apply for two or three or 20 of them, but I would advise instead that you start small. Begin the business from your home, if possible. You don't have to bust out at the start and create big expenditures to start a small business.
Plus, if you think creatively you can make this business pay its own way as you grow. It's easier just to go make some money rather than spending a bunch of time hunting grants, or borrowing the money and having a bunch of debt hanging over your head from the start. Good luck, Patrick!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

School menus

Jan. 19-25

- Homedale Elementary**
Jan. 19: Spaghetti or hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Jan. 20: Half ham & cheese or turkey sandwich, yogurt, veggie, granola, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Jan. 23: Beef wiener wrap or chicken pot pie, mac & cheese, green beans, rice krispie treat, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Jan. 24: Beef or chicken taco; w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Jan. 25: Chicken patty or rib-b-que/bun, potato wedges, applesauce cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Homedale Middle**
Jan. 19: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit bar, cookie, milk.
Jan. 20: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat, milk.
Jan. 23: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit bar, cookie, milk.
Jan. 24: Sloppy Joe or wiener wrap, green beans, fruit bar, animal crackers, milk.
Jan. 25: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit bar, fruit roll-up, milk.

- Homedale High**
Jan. 19: Chicken patty/bun or sandwich & soup, fries, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.
Jan. 20: Crispito or rib-b-que/bun, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Jan. 23: Pizza, popcorn chicken or chef's salad, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.
Jan. 24: Fried beef steak or chicken filet, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Jan. 25: Spaghetti or burrito, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

- Marsing**
Jan. 19: Mac & cheese, veggies, fruit, milk, burritos, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
Jan. 20: Nachos w/fixings, corn, fruit crisp, milk, chicken patty/bun, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
Jan. 23: Tostada delight, fruit, veggies, milk, baked potato & chili bar, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
Jan. 24: Ham & cheese, veggies, chocolate pudding, milk, chicken nuggets, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
Jan. 25: Red Baron pizza, salad, pineapple, milk, soup & sandwich, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

- Bruneau**
Jan. 19: Haystacks, corn, apple bread, milk.
Jan. 20: Cheese yum, potato soup, crackers, fruit cup, cookie, milk.
Jan. 23: Turkey, potato/gravy, veggie, roll/butter, fruit cobbler, milk.
Jan. 24: Chicken sandwich, potato wedges, veggies, brownie, fruit, milk.
Jan. 25: Chicken Caesar wrap, fried rice, veggie, fruit, milk.

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Senior news

- Marsing Senior Center**
Jan. 19: Oven fried chicken, potatoes/gravy, green beans, copper penny salad, soup, dessert, drink.
Jan. 23: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, mixed veggies, pea salad, soup, dessert, drink.
Jan. 24: Chili, tossed salad, soup, corn bread, dessert, drink.
Jan. 25: Oven fried chicken, potatoes/gravy, squash, bean salad, soup, dessert, drink.

- Homedale Senior Center**
Jan. 19: Salisbury steak, potatoes/gravy, broccoli, roll, milk.
Jan. 21: Senior Dance 7pm-10pm \$3 at the door. Public is invited. Bring finger food & enjoy music from Woody Purdom and his band.
Jan. 24: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, roll, milk.
Jan. 25: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, milk.

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More About Garnet:
Did you know that medieval warriors believed garnet (**today's January birthstone**) protected them against wounds and, also, brought victory in battle!
Chinese and Japanese warriors even made bullets out of this precious gemstone because they believed doing so would inflict more damage on their intended victims. In fact, as recent as 1892, during skirmishes in Kashmir, Hanza warriors fired garnet bullets at British soldiers.
In fact, garnet was not only favored for its beauty, but also for the powers it was believed to have. Many Native American tribes used garnet in jewelry and to decorate shields, dream catchers, and many other things. But their uses went much deeper because it was believed that garnet had strong medicinal powers to protect its wearer against poisons and wounds. It was also believed by some to help cure depression and to prevent nightmares. Red garnets in particular was believed to break a fever, stop bleeding, and to reduce inflammation.
Today, garnet is prized for its beauty rather than its magical powers even though some attributes are still associated with this gemstone. Garnet is said to symbolize happiness as well as deep and enduring love and friendships. If you wish to see this stone please come to my store, and please visit my web site at www.Ladonsfinejewelry.com

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Oreana native honored by California horsemen’s group

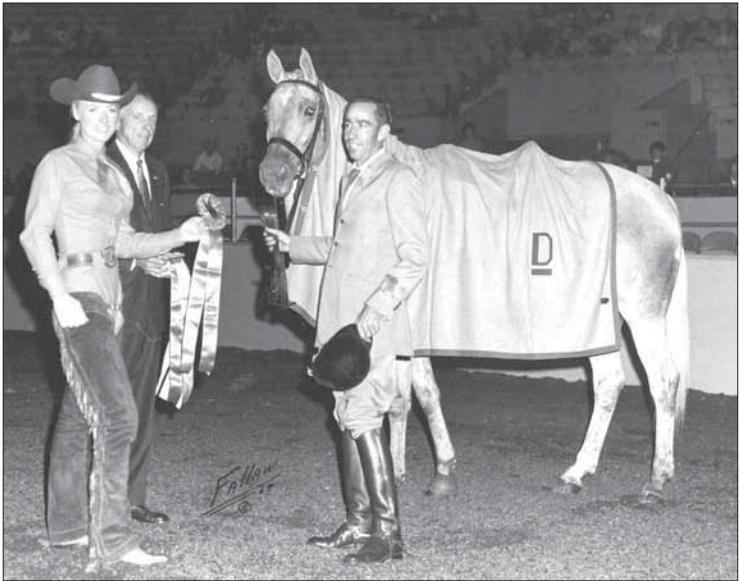
Owyhee County native Gene Lewis was honored in Las Vegas on Jan. 7 with the California Professional Horsemen’s Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 80-year-old Lewis, who was born in Oreana and now lives with his wife, Tish, in Murphy, was honored for his work with jumping horses and cutting horses in a career that began shortly after he was discharged from the U.S. Army Air Force at the close of World War II.

According to the program from the CPHA convention, the lifetime achievement award is given to “a distinguished equestrian whose lifetime experience and accomplishments exemplify the devotion to the sport of horse showing and horses, and whose equestrian career has continually elevated the sport’s excellence.”

Tish Lewis, who accepted the award on Gene’s behalf, said her husband lived in California during his showing career, but he also competed in Idaho rodeos.

The couple returned to Idaho in 1991, retiring to Murphy.



Award winner

Gene Lewis, right, accepts the ribbon for winning the Open Jumper class with Try Me after a show at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

The presentation at the Luxor in Las Vegas included a video chronicling Gene Lewis’ life as a horseman.

Lewis also earned the American Horse Shows Association’s Pegasus medal at the organization’s 2002 convention for his service to horses and the sport of horse

showing. He also has been named an honorary lifetime member of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association.

Tish Lewis said he’ll be honored again by the Idaho Horse Council during the Idaho Horse Expo on April 21-23 at the Idaho Horse Park in Nampa.



Jacquie Rogers

Ex-Homedale resident’s writings benefit breast cancer research funding

Jacquie Rogers, former Homedale resident and daughter of the late Jack and Greta Walker, has teamed with 16 other writers from the United States, Canada and Europe to benefit breast cancer research with an anthology called, “No Law Against Love.”

“I am delighted to be part of this project,” said Rogers, an online writing instructor who is a frequent presenter at Seattle writers’ conferences.

Rogers, who graduated from Homedale High School and is a former member of Homedale Rod and Gun Club, Stateline Grange and Sage Creek 4-H group, contributed two of the 29 short stories in the book, which is due out just in time for Valentine’s Day.

The editors at Highland Press conceived the anthology as a way

to launch their new Wee Dram imprint. All profits from the sale of the book, including author royalties, will be donated to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research.

According to Highland Press editors Leanne Burroughs and DeborahAnne MacGillivray: “We wanted to commemorate the launch of our new imprint in a special way. The ‘No Law Against Love’ collection will make a wonderful Valentine’s Day gift while supporting a worthy cause.”

Each story in the anthology pokes fun at silly laws from all over the world and celebrates the joy of falling in love. The stories are said to be heartwarming and hilarious. The book is available now from all major online retailers or by ordering it at your local bookstore.



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Coming along

Marsing Hardware and Pump owner Chris Salove stands near what will be the new entrance for the store during the ongoing renovation Saturday. The business is set to reopen Saturday.

Hardware store remodel in Marsing nearly finished

If you had stumbled into Marsing Hardware and Pump last weekend, you wouldn't think that one of the oldest businesses in town would be ready to re-open as planned Saturday.

But store owner Chris Salove says he'll open the doors — the new doors on 3rd Avenue West, that is — at 8:30 Saturday morning.

"We're trying to get open for our regulars," said Salove, who has owned the store for about five years.

The store on the corner of Main Street and 3rd Avenue West has been closed since Dec. 24. The interior of the store has been completely remodeled with the installation of new display fixtures, the construction of a new double-door entrance and the exposure of the old wooden beams that support the ceiling of the old building.

"A lot of regular customers have come in, and a lot are amazed at the depth and scale of it," Salove said of the Marsing Hardware faithful's reaction to the remodel.

Those faithful customers perhaps are growing a little tired of driving to out-of-town stores to get their hardware needs met. Quite frankly, Salove has grown a little weary of the process, too.

"We have all our merchandise in a small room, and we can't get to it," Salove said, adding that even he has had to go out of town to find hardware and other parts needed for the remodel.

The entire inventory of the 6,000-square-foot store has been kept in a 1,250-square-foot storage room, Salove said.

The cost of the store renovation is being shared by True Value Hardware, of which Salove is a franchisee. Salove said True Value is pitching in to help bring the new look as well as a new True Value sign for outside the store.

Salove said the old "Hardware and Gifts" sign will be removed from the exterior, but he has reverence for that Main Street fixture.

"I don't know what I'm going to do with it yet, but the vintage sign is not going to the landfill," he said.

The primary difference customers will notice inside the store is the new retail fixtures that Salove says will double the establishment's display space. Part of the True Value program also provides signage for each aisle for better organization of merchandise.

Salove said the shelves will be filled with some 4,000 new items, including electrical, plumbing, hardware, tools, paint, housewares and lawn and garden. All the merchandise will be stocked by a group of professional "setters" so things are easy to find.

The move of the store's entrance to 3rd Avenue West also is a

matter of customer convenience. Use of the old door opening on to Main Street will be discontinued, and new double doors around the corner will be in use beginning Saturday.

"We still have to pour the new sidewalk and curb," Salove said last weekend. "Angled parking on East 3rd will provide eight to nine parking places with the door close to them.

"It'll be much more convenient parking."

There will be two checkout stations on either side of the double doors, too.

The store's hours will remain the same — 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday — Salove said.

One change in the plan, though, is the rescheduling of the grand re-opening. Originally planned for Saturday, Salove said the party, complete with door prizes and store specials, will be held Jan. 28.

— JB

Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

We got through 2005 with it being one of the best grass years we have ever had. We also lucked out and never had any close range fires.

One of our Cherry Creek couples, Ira and Kim Brackett with two small sons, Cade and Zane, moved to the old Conover ranch on the west side of the Roseworth tract. Lots of rattlesnakes come in off the desert to this ranch, but Kim is a brave little gal who took care of them when they slithered into her yard on the Row Ranch. The house where Ira and Kim lived has been moved to the old Ira Brackett homestead at Roseworth where it is a home for Joe Keele.

Cherry Creek has one tough lady who really hangs in there, and that is Kathy Jones. She works for her brother-in-law, Kip Gould, on the old Blick and Beaton Ranch. This will be her third winter there feeding several hundred head of cattle all by herself. She has set more posts and done more ranch upkeep than four or five of the men in the country put together. She also does the irrigating, haying and rides the range.

Marilyn Boss, the teacher, put on a good Christmas program on Dec. 16 with only four pupils. A potluck dinner was also enjoyed. The school is having a new carpet installed.

J.R. and Kelsie Robinson and daughters Tessa and Gretta spent a week lately with Kelsie's relatives in Meeker, Colo.

Bert Brackett bought the Drowns ranch on Deadwood lately from Charley Drowns and Linda Bunch. In the olden days, it was the summer camp for Joe

Hawes, a Bruneau Valley rancher. They would winter their cattle at Bruneau and in the spring would turn them loose and give them a start toward Three Creek. Come fall, they drove them back to Bruneau. That was the days before fences.

Charley Drowns suffered some strokes and is moving to Jerome.

Bert and Paula Brackett will be spending about three months in Boise this winter because Bert is a new state representative. They will be missed.

The latter part of 2005 was sad for us. Walter Colyer passed away Oct. 26, 2005 after open heart surgery. He was the son of Lois and Guy Colyer, old-timers of the country. He was a wonderful brother and was always there to help us out.

J.R. Robinson's father, Udell Robinson, passed away suddenly on Dec. 5, 2005. He was born May 30, 1930, in Dietrich, Idaho, the son of Velma Githens Robinson and Willet Robinson. He moved to Richfield as an infant and spent his life there. He loved animals and always had horses around for his grandkids and other kids to ride.

Another shock came to us on Dec. 10, 2005 when Maurice Guerry Jr. died suddenly while loading sheep near Castleford, Idaho. He was born Aug. 21, 1930, to Maurice and Juanta Guerry. His parents had immigrated from Spain. Maurice was a kind person who loved people and could be seen coming with a box of potatoes or some fresh corn. The Catholic church in Buhl couldn't hold all the people who came to his funeral. He will be greatly missed.

OPEN HOUSE



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Guard completes Oreana Loop



The loop begins

Two weeks after heavy rain and melting snow washed out a bridge on the Oreana Loop Road, the National Guard came to the rescue with an armored bridge. **Above:** An M60A1 raises a 60-foot scissor type bridge at Browns Creek on the Oreana Loop Road. **Left:** The scissor bridge begins to open over the washed-out roadway.



Archway

In about 15 minutes, the so-called scissors bridge, which is 60 feet long and weighs about 14 tons, fit nicely over Browns Creek until the road can be permanently repaired. A permanent bridge should be built in a few weeks.

Armored bridge fills chasm created by flooding

Two weeks after heavy rains and rapidly melting snow washed out several Owyhee County roads, the National Guard has made travel possible again in one part of the county.

Residents in Oreana lost a section of Oreana Loop Road during flooding in the wake of the New Year's storm that prompted Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to declare a disaster emergency. But last week the National Guard delivered a temporary bridge to replace the part of the road that caved in.

A flood of government vehicles, including an M60A1 Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge (AVLB), rolled into the quiet town on Jan. 10 and replaced a washed-out section of roadway over Browns Creek. The M60A1 AVLB is basically an armored vehicle used for launching and retrieving a 60-foot scissor-type bridge. A Guard detail drove the tank from Oreana to Browns Creek just outside of town.

"This is the mission we really enjoy doing, a state mission supporting the people of Idaho," said Idaho National Guard Col. Monte Stoppello. "You have to turn away volunteers when this kind of a mission happens, because this is what we really like is helping the people of Idaho."

Once the tank was in place, the



Before and after

Left: Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman is along for the ride as the Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge is moved into place before its deployment as a temporary bridge to connect a part of the Oreana Loop Road that was washed out by New Year's flooding. **Right:** The bridge, which was furnished by the Idaho National Guard, as it looked after it was folded into place. The bridge opens access to Oreana for law enforcement and emergency services once again.

approximately 14-ton bridge was unfolded quickly.

"Today's operation went very smooth, everything. People worked great, and best of all the equipment, no malfunctions," Stoppello said.

In about 15 minutes, the so-called scissors bridge, which is 60 feet long and weighs 14 tons, fit nicely over Browns Creek until the road can be permanently repaired. A permanent bridge should be built in a few weeks.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said the temporary bridge will help school bus drivers make their routes as well as opening Oreana to law enforcement and emergency services again.

"It's pretty cool. It's pretty amazing how it works," Aman said as he walked over the newly placed bridge. "Glad to see it here. Now we can get these people back to somewhat normal livelihood and doing what they need to do out here."

"The school bus and emergency services are the big thing. We're trying to get it so they're not so inconvenienced."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be in Owyhee County on Friday assessing the damage with help from the National Guard. The Idaho Transportation Department is also assisting the county.

Stoppello said the bridge was designed to help in military operations.

"The engineers would go forward if there's a bridge like we have here or a road washed out, and they can launch the bridge so the tanks and all other tacked vehicles could get over it and do their mission," he said.

But it will work just fine for the people of Oreana.

"It ... can handle up to 72 tons — pretty much anything Owyhee County wants to put across it," Stoppello said.

— CAB



Closing the gap

The unfolded bridge slowly descends over Browns Creek. "It's pretty cool. It's pretty amazing how it works," Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said.



Nearly finished

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said of the bridge: "Glad to see it here, now we can get these people back to somewhat normal livelihood ..."



On the road again

A National Guardsman walks over the scissor bridge on the Oreana Loop Road over Browns Creek after the temporary device was lowered into place.



Safety first

Under the watchful eye of a representative of Lincoln Welding, Marsing FFA agricultural welding student Daniel Ineck learns fabrication first-hand during the Gem State Welding Show. The Marsing FFA chapter’s Ag Welding students have begun practical application of their lessons. Submitted photo

Marsing FFA news

by Jason Nettleton, advisor

FFA activities

The Marsing Agriculture Department has received a Tech Prep Grant for \$7,404 through an articulation with the Boise State University Tech Prep Program. The grant will be applied to much needed equipment within the Ag Mechanics Lab as well as purchasing curriculum materials.

A large thank you to Cheryl Korn for her assistance in not only helping us with this grant application but also in helping educate students on availability of higher education after high school. This, along with the Tech Prep program, allows students to gain college credit for classes within the Marsing High School Agriculture Education Department.

As chairman of the Ag Expo, Daniel Ineck has been working with about 10 different schools to schedule students to come visit. At this time, it looks like we should have nearly 1,000 students attend the expo this year, which is scheduled for May 5-6.

Members for the Advanced Parliamentary Procedure team began preparations on Jan. 4 for the March 15 contest at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. The students meet each Wednesday. Also, the freshman class just started working into learning parliamentary procedure in preparation for the Boise Valley District Freshman Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event (CDE).

As the winner of the Marsing Chapter Creed Speaking CDE, Kelsey Granden is preparing for the Boise Valley District Creed Speaking CDE on Feb. 2.

Several members are working over their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) record-books to ready themselves for the Idaho FFA State Degree Sifting, also on Feb. 1. Applications are due Jan. 27.

From the Ag department

The Greenhouse class has been working hard to get the hanging

baskets ready for the April 21-22 Spring Flower Sale.

In the classroom, we have been studying the anatomy and growth of plants, focusing on the three divisions of growth. Students just finished a mini-lab on seed germination that looked at seed structure and germination rates of different types of seed.

Fabrications

Fabrications class has worked really hard this year on several projects, and the students’ efforts continue. This spring, they plan to explore the world of welding art, as we look into making some different yard art projects. Thanks to Brooke Millet and her desire and great ideas of some non-traditional shop projects.

Ag Welding

Just getting started into the introduction and safety to welding. This class has started in on the practical portion of the class, using gas flame and electricity to join and fuse metal together. This will keep the students pretty busy as they work through the different welds and skills covered by the class.

Ag education

We have just started into Parliamentary Procedure, working into the second year of the freshman contest. This gives freshmen an opportunity to be more involved at the district level where they don’t have to compete with the older members.

Upcoming events

Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. — Parliamentary Procedure practice.

Jan. 27 — State Degree applications due

Feb. 1 — State Degree Sifting and Creed Speaking CDE

Feb. 21 — Legislative breakfast and Day on the Hill

Feb. 21-22 — Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Conference, Boise.

Feb. 23-24 — Agriculture Olympics

Water districts schedule irrigation workshop

Malheur County irrigators and irrigators from the South Board of Control are encouraged to attend an irrigation workshop at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Ontario Boulevard Grange at 3890 Hwy 201, Ontario.

“With a wide array of knowledgeable speakers, you won’t want to miss this one,” coordinators said.

“Are your old brass nozzles worn out and not working like they used to? Do you need a new low-pressure regulator? Are your gaskets for existing wheel lines, hand lines, valve-openers, and riser caps just plain shot? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come to this workshop to find out how Idaho Power will pay you an

incentive for the purchase of specified replacement parts and components for your existing irrigation system.”

Idaho Power also will offer an incentive program for extensive retrofits of existing systems or new irrigation systems.

Additional topics to be discussed include:

— Irrigation water management and irrigation scheduling using the “Checkbook Method” by John Busch, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

— Irrigation scheduling for furrow-irrigated crops by Steve Reddy, University of Idaho

— An overview of irrigation techniques that reduce soil loss and optimize crop yields and returns by Clint Shock, Malheur

Experiment Station

— A review of soil moisture monitoring by soil texture by Lynn Jensen, Oregon State University Extension

— Documenting irrigation water management by Busch

— Irrigation efficiency rewards program by Mike Liechty, Idaho Power

— Updates from the South Board of Control by Rex Barrie; Owyhee Irrigation District updates and forecasts by Jay Chamberlin; Warm Springs Irrigation District updates by Tony Dixon.

Idaho Power will provide lunch for those who RSVP to the Owyhee Watershed Council via e-mail at Jennifer.Martin@or.nacdn.net or phone at (541) 889-2588, ext. 117 by Friday.

BLM extends vegetation comment period

The public comment period on the Bureau of Land Management’s proposed methods for treating and managing vegetation on BLM-managed public lands has been extended to Feb.10.

The federal agency, which held public meetings on its vegetation treatment proposal from Nov. 28 to Dec. 13 last year, is extending the public comment period to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to express their views.

The public comment period originally had been slated to close on Jan. 9.

The public can comment on the BLM’s extensive environmental analysis of proposed vegetation treatments, which are aimed at controlling the spread of noxious and invasive plants on BLM-managed lands. The treatments also will reduce the amount of highly flammable forest and rangeland fuels, such as stands of pinyon and juniper trees or dead and down woody materials.

The environmental analysis consists of two vegetation-related reports released Nov. 10, 2005 — The Draft Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and the Draft Vegetation Treatments on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic Environmental Report (PER).

Find the documents online at www.blm.gov.

To submit written comments, be placed on the mailing list, or request CDs of the documents, contact Brian Amme, Project Manager, BLM, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520-0006. FAX comments to (775) 861-6712, or e-mailed to vegeis@nv.blm.gov.

USDA downgrades Idaho’s brucellosis status to ‘Class A’

Ruling means more rigorous testing for beef heading out of state

Idaho has officially lost its Brucellosis Class Free status, and cattle will now have to undergo an increased testing regimen in order to be shipped out of state.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) notified the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) that the state is now designated Brucellosis “Class A,” a reduction from the “Brucellosis-Free” status the state has enjoyed since 1991.

Class A status will require increased testing of certain cattle in Idaho that are not going directly to slaughter. ISDA will also be testing cattle herds in eastern Idaho that have contact with wild elk in the wintertime and are identified as “high-risk.”

Dr. Greg Ledbetter, ISDA Division of Animal Industries administrator, again reminded the public that a reduction in brucellosis status is no cause for concern about the safety of meat and milk products from Idaho.

“Cooking meat and pasteurization of milk destroys the *Brucella* organism,” Ledbetter said. “Therefore it remains highly unlikely for humans to get brucellosis from consuming meat or dairy products.”

The main risk for humans to get brucellosis is through direct contact with placental or fetal fluids from infected animals, and that risk applies almost entirely to people who work with cattle, not beef consumers, said Ledbetter.

ISDA is exploring all legal options to appeal the USDA’s decision.

In October, brucellosis was discovered in a Swan Valley cattle herd. Later, a virgin heifer from that herd was traced to a small feedlot near Arco. Since that time, nearly 2,000 additional animals in 15 herds from the area have been tested. No additional Brucellosis reactors have been found.

“We have already begun the process of working toward regaining our Brucellosis-Free designation,” ISDA Director Pat Takasugi said. “The cattle industry and the department are partners in this effort, and we are working cooperatively toward this end.”

“We appreciate the Idaho State Department of Agriculture’s quick action on this matter, and we will continue to work with our producers as well as state and federal agencies so that the state can reapply for Brucellosis-Free status in December,” said Lloyd Knight, executive director of the Idaho Cattle Association.

Idaho can apply to regain its Brucellosis-Free status if no new cases emerge before December of this year.

It is believed that bison and elk in the Greater Yellowstone Area are the source of the *Brucella* bacteria in the region.

Read all about it

in

The Owyhee Avalanche

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A week of photos from Homedale



Framed sunset
A garden arch at a home outside of Homedale is the perfect accent for a mid-winter's sunset. Photo by Jan Aman

Weather

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Jan 11	55	32	.03
Jan 12	53	21	
Jan 13	48	35	
Jan 14	no	read	
Jan 15	no	read	
Jan 16	51	18	



Changing of the guard
A new Homedale City Council was sworn in at last week's meeting. **Above:** City Clerk Susan Mansisidor administers the oath to incoming council members Dave Downum, left, Tim Downing, center, and Bill Page. **Below:** Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, right, wishes outgoing Homedale City Councilpersons Cindy Sims, left, and Kevin Barlow. Eidemiller gave both members a flag which he said had been flown over Homedale the day of their departure.



New lift station
Construction crews place a huge cement pipe into the ground at the corner of 7th Street and Nevada Avenue in Homedale last week as part of a new lift station project. City services supervisor Larry Bauer said the project is nearing completion, and he expects the station to be in operation within the next few weeks.



Award of Excellence
Homedale Middle School teacher David Correa, left, is presented with the Homedale School District's Award of Excellence by school board chairman Kurt Shanley during last week's trustees meeting. Correa teaches Spanish and Physical Education at the middle school and he is the Homedale High School boys soccer coach. Submitted photo

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

50 years ago

January 19, 1956

Trojans dropped to third spot by New Plymouth

New Plymouth’s methodical Pilgrims took another huge step toward clinching the 1955-56 Snake River Valley-B league basketball crown Tuesday night when they swept past Homedale 58-51 in the feature game of the circuit’s slate here.

Champions in football during the past season, New Plymouth chalked up its 10th straight triumph and its seventh in league play as it strengthened its bid to become a two-time monarch.

Tuesday night’s activities left New Plymouth atop the loop with a 7-0 standard. Parma slipped into second spot with 6-2 and Homedale skidded to third on its 4-2.

New Plymouth and Homedale waged a tight battle before the Pilgrims emerged triumphant. The winners were led by Ken Potter’s 16 tallies, while Vic Landa had 22 for Homedale.

Construction of Owyhee County armory approved

In a telephone conversation Tuesday evening with General John E. Walsh, James C. Hayes was notified that blueprints, plans and specifications for construction of a new Owyhee county armory at Homedale have been approved and that bids will be called in the near future.

Eismann to continue Homedale Law office

Richard B. Eismann, Homedale attorney, who recently resigned as Owyhee county attorney to devote full time to private practice, will continue to maintain his office in Homedale, he declared this week.

“Contrary to any rumors that I was planning to move, I will remain in Homedale and will continue my office and home here,” Mr. Eismann said.

He also said he would continue to act as attorney for the City of Homedale, the Homedale school district, and several other boards in or near Homedale.

Owyhee Reservoir has 211,560 feet of water

The Owyhee reservoir had in storage as of January 18, 1956, 211,560 acre feet of water, according to W. H. Robinson, manager of the South Board of Control.

A year ago at this same date there was 163,490 acre feet of water stored. Total capacity of the reservoir is 700,150.

Last fall at the end of the irrigation season there was approximately 55,000 feet left in the reservoir and a year ago last fall there was approximately 13,000 acre feet.

Homedale locals

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas and two children called on her brother and sister, the Glenn Steinbachs and E. R. Sheffields at Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Chahill entertained with two tables of pinochle Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tolmie, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas, Johnny Fisher and Robert Fisher. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Buck were prize winners.

Johnnie Shanley drove his daughter Doni Lynn back to Opportunity Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, Friday and returned home Saturday.

Skip Bicandi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angel Bicandi, Ontario, Ore., was a week end guest of Rickey Shanley.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Townsend visited with the Vic Fords at Nampa and that evening attended a wedding reception for Mr. Ford’s nephew, Bob Bonell, at the home of Gwenn Spurgeon, Caldwell.

George Hayes, Marsing, called on his sister, Mrs. W. H. Townsend Saturday afternoon.

Sunday dinner guests of the John Ziligs were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kurpuweit, Nampa. The Art Zilig family called in the evening.

Judy Thomas stayed overnight Friday with her brother Jack Thomas and family.

John Upton was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strang and family. Marilyn Mahler was also a guest.

138 years ago

January 18, 1868

CORRECTIONS. We stated last week that fifty tuns of Idaho Elmore quartz were at the Webfoot mill, instead of which we should have said fifty tuns of Oro Fino.

FOUNDRY. Public attention is direct to the ad of McMahon & Co. in this paper, they will soon have coal and other material here for carrying on a first class foundry. Send in your orders.

THE POORMAN is paying handsomely at present. The ore worked at the Owyhee mill yields 75 pounds of bullion per day, after being retorted and made into bricks.

UNDER the head of “wanted” this week, we call attention to a Camp McDermit advertisement – a good change for making money.

MESSRS TRASK & SON have their new arrastrar building about completed. It is situated a short distance above the Minear mill, and is twenty-eight fee in width and sixty in length. The wheel will be an overshot, thirty-three feet in diameter, and will be run by water from Webfoot Gulch, from which it is estimated that water enough can be obtained to run a 20-horse power machinery the year round. A ditch for the purpose, one-third of a mile in length, is already completed. A common arrastrar will be put in operation early in the spring, but the proprietors inform us that it is their intention to substitute stamps next summer. Putting in stamp and pan would convert it into a complete water quartz mill – a valuable piece of property as it would require no fuel and but few hands to keep it in operation.

QUARTZ HAULING. From January 1st to and including the 16th, 800 tuns of quart have been hauled to the different mills from the Oro Fino, Golden Chariot and Ida Elmore mines. During the same period of time it is estimated 600 tuns of ore from the Poorman have been delivered at the Owyhee mill – making an aggregate of 1,400 tuns from the above-mentioned mines – the most of which has been hauled during the last ten days, as the roads were blocked up for several days immediately succeeding New Year’s. Quite a contrast to the business of Owyhee one year ago, when scarcely a pound of quartz was being hauled.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. The Board of County Commissioners should have met a week ago last Monday. The terms of two of the members, Messrs. Butler & Carter, have expired. Mr. H. B. Eastman, one of the new members elect, is absent in California, and Mr. Swart, the other member elect, resides in Flint. We presume that Mr. Swart has been unable to get over here on account of deep snow on the mountains, but he certainly should come over as soon as possible, for there are several County matters that should be attended to at the beginning of the year. Mr. Catlin being the only commissioner here of course can do no County business.

THE WEATHER. ROADS. The lovely weather that prevailed last week still continues – clear, moonlight nights and bright, sunshiny days – temperature ranging near the freezing point during the day and falling to zero at night. The roads never were in better condition. It seems like “old times” to listen to the jingling of the bells mingled with the merry laughter of young folks as they go a sleighing.

WE HEAR MUCH from the direction of Boise about Congress, the U. P. R. R. Co. and the O. S. N. Co. all being greatly in favor of having the Columbia branch road leave the U. P. R. R. east of Salt Lake. We also hear that the C. P. R. R. Co. are furiously opposed to the building of any road at all anywhere in this direction. Now we should like to know how the sentiments of Congress or any of these Companies are so well known in Boise. Surely the O. S. N. Co. have no interest in helping to build an eight hundred mile road when a six or seven hundred mile route, over

a better natural road-bed and far superior country can be found that will accomplish everything for them that the other could. The Central Pacific, seeing that a road will be built, are certainly very short-sighted if they don’t lend a helping hand to an enterprise that will secure to them all the San Francisco and Idaho trade, as well as part pression is that the Boise wiseacres are consulting their own desires and drawing facts from fancy.

WHY? The Statesman of the 9th inst. Misrepresents the sentiments of Owyhee in the recent railroad convention, and attempts to make our delegation assume an antagonism in the premises that was never thought of. We bear nothing of a resolution which the Owyhee delegation sent to the convention. In saying so much about Owyhee, Mr. Statesman, why didn’t you publish the resolution referred to? It embodied more liberal views touching the question than you wished to disseminate; it conflicted somewhat with your ‘via Boise City’ scheme, and wouldn’t look well confronting straight jacket opinions. The “memorial” is chiefly remarkable for its absence of “important facts.” But then it is as good a make-up as could be expected from your side of the house “until there shall be some survey made where-on to base some calculations.”

MISTAKEN. The Humboldt Register learns that the Owyhee River is frozen over and that the stages are crossing on the ice. The Owyhee Ferry is only sixty miles from this place; we are in direct communication with it every day, and we fail to hear of stages crossing on the ice, or even of the river’s being frozen entirely over, although there is so much ice that it occasions much difficulty is running the ferryboat, sometimes causing a delay of several hours in crossing.

STAGING, MAILS, ETC. Mr. French, W., F. & Co.’s, just arrived from Hunter’s, reports the stage road over the Sierras in splendid condition; consequently this week, we have received heaps of California mail, which had accumulated on the other side of the mountains during the recent great storm. Hill Beachey’s stages make their trips from here to Hunter’s with the regularity of clock-work. Sleds are being run out as far as the Sheep Ranch, a distance of fifty miles. Everything is in good shape all along the line. Luis Lobenstien, the agent here, is always up and going and keeps things in proper shape at this end of the road. San Francisco mails arrive in seven days.

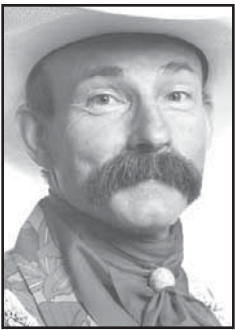
THE INDIAN WAR. A private letter from Camp Harney brings the information that Gen. Crook has determined upon making a winter campaign against he Indians in his district, to be prosecuted with all the vigor that can possibly be infused into it. It has hitherto been a rule – laid down in the books – that a winter campaign is impracticable. The attempt has been made once or twice in the Northern country, but so feebly and with such scant preparation as stamped the enterprise all over with failure, from the beginning. But for all that we believe that with good common sense management and ample preparation a winter campaign is not only practicable but advisable. The Indians have come to think that the moment the first snows fall they are thenceforward safe till the next spring has fully opened. Teach them the reverse of that; show them that the whites can follow them into their winter fastness and a long stride will have been taken towards their subjugation. To talk of peace with them short of total subjugation is utter nonsense. No such peace can be obtained till the Indian is made to feel that there is no day in the year when he is secure; that no season and no circumstance can yield him immunity; then submission and good behavior only will secure him a time or place to rest.

If the authorities at the Headquarters will properly back up Gen. Crook’s winter campaign, the noble red man will come down several pegs to his present contempt for the white soldier.

Oregonion, Jan. 4th.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

Essences of feedlot

Dear J.D.,

I just got wind of your latest venture into the entrepreneurial world. It's odd that if I'd heard you'd merged with Tyson Foods or been arrested transporting Amish across the state line. I've shaken my head but taken it in stride.

As it was, I sat back too stunned to similize. It's like — see, wait! It's as if Dick Cheney had joined the ACLU! Or Osama had seen the error of his ways and joined the Methodist Church! But a cattle feeder producing a line of cologne? You must be barraged with cheap shots suggesting names like Eau d' Moo, Poopet (rhymes with Chevrolet), Nebraska Noir, Whiff of Wisner, Waft of Wahoo, Rumensent, Olay d' Manuire, Corral #5.

What claims will it make: To improve one's chances in the meat market? To increase one's self-esteem? To drive away horn flies? To cover odors such as feedlot dust, Terramycin, silage pit treacle or overflow lagoon that have permeated your skin? How will it be applied: From a pour-on dispenser? In a nasal mist spray? Rubbed in like bag balm? Or a walk-through like a formaldehyde foot bath?

Will there be warning labels to caution against side effects such as attracting bullers, bee swarms or buff puff buckaroos? Will it be necessary to carry it in its own holster on yer belt beside your cell phone, pliers holder and pocket knife, always handy for a quick "poof" when you see the brand inspector coming?

So many questions.

From a marketing viewpoint, do you brag that this new cologne is the brainchild of a cattle feeder in hopes of cornering the lucrative pen rider and mill hand market? Or do you remain mum so that potential customers will never know your true bovine origin until they meet you at your cologne debut party in Manhattan or Paris. Where, of course, your green fingernails and white socks will be a dead giveaway.

I will be watching your success, as will others. If it works, you will probably see occupational spin-offs: the rancher's *Ride For The Brand*, which smells like burning hair, the farmer's *Eau d' Urea*, and my own personal former large animal veterinary fragrance, *Essence of Prolapet* (rhymes with poopet)!

Wayne Cornell



Not important ... *but possibly of interest*

On Sunday, we decided to make a run to the big warehouse store in Capital City. Daughter Number 2 and her husband were planning to take in a movie later. We told them we would be back in time to watch granddaughter Gracie.

We decided to stop for a quick bite after completing our shopping. We eat at a particular restaurant often when we are in the big city. Normally, however, we get there right after the church/brunch crowd leaves and before the Sunday dinner crowd arrives. On this particular Sunday, however, we were running late. The advance guard of the second shift of eaters was already checking in.

We gave the hostess our names. She said it would be about 10 minutes before we could be seated. While waiting, we browsed around the restaurant's gift shop. When we entered the restaurant there were about a dozen people waiting to be seated. But the place filled up quickly.

After waiting for more than half an hour, I strolled over to the reservation desk to check on our status. As I approached, I heard a woman, who appeared to be in her early 40s, tell the hostess that her party needed to be seated right away because they were on their way to catch a plane. My first inclination was to suggest to her that if they needed to be someplace at a certain time and wanted to make sure they weren't late, they should have left earlier. But I kept my mouth shut — even when the hostess led the latecomers back to a table while we continued to cool our heels.

We finally got a table, but it was some time before the waitress took our order. Then we waited ... and waited ... and waited. Everyone around us, most of them younger than us, were served. We had been in the restaurant an hour by the time we got our order. We had to eat quickly as we

needed to get home to watch Grace.

As I paid the bill, the girl behind the desk asked me how everything was. I told her the food was good, but I couldn't say the same for the time it took to get it. She asked if I wanted to see the manager. If we hadn't needed to get home to babysit, I might have taken her up on her offer. I did, however, go on the restaurant's Web site the following day and leave my concerns. I got an automated reply thanking me for my view and saying they would be in touch. So far, we haven't received any reply from a real person.

It could be that I am simply getting paranoid as I grow older. But it seemed to me that the 30- and 40-year-old customers got more attention from the restaurant employees than those of us who are a little older. Maybe the employees think the time of younger customers is more valuable — that older people don't have any place they really have to be on a Sunday afternoon. Or maybe they believe younger customers are likely to be better tippers. Or maybe we were just unlucky enough to "fall through the cracks" on a Sunday afternoon. Whatever the reason, we aren't likely to be eating at that restaurant in the foreseeable future.

The worst part of getting older isn't the additional aches and pains — or the things you once did easily that now take real effort. For me, the worst thing is gradually becoming invisible to younger folks — whether it's a hostess in a restaurant who lets someone "cut" in front of you, or the store clerk who makes it a point to avoid eye contact if you look like you might ask them for assistance.

There is one thing younger people never understand when dealing with older people. Sooner than they think, they will be where we are.

Accuracy in Media

Victory in cultural war as important as Iraq

by Cliff Kincaid

Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor-at-large of the Washington Times, has written a thought-provoking column about whether the U.S. can export worthwhile democratic values when our own society has become so disgustingly decadent. He begins by citing the increasing amounts of pornography, including child porn, being trafficked in the U.S.

He writes, "Pity poor Karen Hughes, the undersecretary of state for public diplomacy. Her job is to persuade the rest of the world, particularly the Arab countries, that lack of democracy and First Amendment rights prevents them from joining the modern world." The implication is that the "modern world" is morally corrupt and that you can't expect the Arab or Muslim world to embrace the current "values" of American society if the First Amendment leads to trash TV and the sexual exploitation and abuse of women and children.

Honest conservatives have to admit that de Borchgrave, an opponent of the U.S. military intervention in Iraq, makes a point worth considering. Freedom is one thing. But anybody who takes a glance at American television or films these days has to wonder what America is trying to export to the rest of the world.

De Borchgrave notes that "Howard Stern and Jerry Springer, the uncrowned kings of unadulterated smut, have shared some of the highest ratings in television history."

He adds, "Lecturing the rest of the world on the virtues of democracy is somewhat at odds with the deification of Mr. Stern and his elevation to the electronic pantheon of a recent 20-minute segment on '60 Minutes.' Mainstream media honor him with the title of 'shock jock.' But he would be more accurately described as the plug-ugly epitome of scatological sex schlock. The man who can get women to bare their breasts or behinds on the air, and nudge wannabe porn queens into explaining likes and dislikes

with scores of casual sex partners, has been competing for media attention with the Iraqi insurgency."

In addition to the appearance on 60 Minutes, Stern appeared on the O'Reilly Factor on Fox News, the NBC Today Show, David Letterman and Larry King. O'Reilly thought so much of Stern, the so-called "King of All Media," that he conducted a three-part interview with him. One of O'Reilly's questions to Stern was: "You're still telling dirty jokes and [talking about] lesbians and all that?"

There are many other examples de Borchgrave could have cited. Like O'Reilly, Rita Cosby has used her MSNBC television show to promote the sexually deviant, appealing to the prurient interest of those with short attention spans.

Over at NBC, its sister network, the new program, "The Book of Daniel," is trying to attract viewers by mocking Jesus Christ and featuring demented Christians, including a Catholic priest with Mafia connections. Created by an ex-Catholic homosexual, the show features an Episcopal priest who is addicted to painkillers and talks to a mystical wise-cracking Jesus. One of his sons is a homosexual, and his daughter is arrested for selling marijuana. His sister-in-law has a lesbian affair while her husband steals millions of dollars from the church.

Even Tom Shales of the Washington Post couldn't ignore the obvious agenda behind this program. Without declaring it to be overtly anti-Christian, he commented, "I cannot recall a series in which a greater number of characters seemed so desperately detestable — a series with a larger population of loathsome dolts. There ought to be a worse punishment than cancellation for a show that tries this hard to be offensive and, even at that crass task, manages to fail." He called the characters "mean, venal and idiotic."

Commentary

From Washington

Cultivating Farm Bill feedback a vital step in the process

by Sen. Mike Crapo

During my tenure in Congress, I have served on both the Senate and House Agriculture Committees. One of the most valuable tools I have discovered when preparing to write a farm bill is organizing a series of statewide town hall meetings. These meetings give me, my staff and agency staff the opportunity to gather information about the strengths and weaknesses of the bill from those who are most affected by farm policy on the ground in Idaho. This is valuable first-hand information that provides the background and insight I need as Congress works to write the next farm bill.

The 2002 Farm Bill was written at a time when our nation was anticipating a significant budget surplus. Then, the reality of the costs of wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, domestic terror and natural disaster recovery changed the picture, both increasing government spending and contributing to a slump in the U.S. economy.

About two-thirds of appropriations are mandated, leaving only one-third of the budget for discretionary spending and budget reconciliation, including Defense and Homeland Security. The reconciliation package would reduce spending by \$40 billion over five years (to 2010). On another positive note, the recent stronger economy

has reduced about \$50 billion dollars of the multi-trillion dollar debt.

It's in this budget climate that we begin deliberations on a new farm bill. The two primary pressures are the budget deficit and World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations.

Integral to our deliberations on the shape and direction of the next farm bill is thoughtful feedback. These statewide discussions would not be productive without input from farmers, ranchers, agricultural organizations and other interested communities.

I have been impressed with the participation and meaningful discussions we've had at the meetings. Some of the issues that have been raised thus far mirror larger interests of many Americans: the price of fuel, the need for expanded renewable energy sources, farm input costs, food safety and the importance of fair and equal treatment in international markets. Other areas of interest include commodity crop programs, specialty crop assistance,



Sen. Mike Crapo

nutrition programs, agriculture research funding and conservation programs. Concerns about funding sources, outlook for the future and bigger-picture risk issues also have been articulated.

I was pleased to kick off the series of meetings and attend those held in Sandpoint, Rexburg, Blackfoot, Post Falls, Caldwell, Gooding and Burley. My state director of agriculture, Don Dixon, already has or will attend every meeting, including those I cannot because of the Senate schedule.

I am encouraged by the direction that these critical meetings are going and the positive effect they will have in the development of the next farm bill. I appreciate the participation of those who have attended thus far, and I look forward to the rest of the meetings we will be holding.

Participation is vital for those in the farming community, both the experienced farmers and those just starting out. All voices must contribute if the laws that will dictate these important programs are to be the most effective and responsive on the ground, where it counts.

For information about where upcoming meetings will be held, contact any of my state offices or my Washington, D.C. office.

— Mike Crapo is a U.S. senator from Idaho.

Another Congressional journey packed with issues begins

by Sen. Larry Craig

As Christmas drew near and the first session of the 109th Congress wrapped up, I was reminded of a good, old-fashioned cliffhanger. Many of us in Congress wondered how it would end. Now, we can clearly see that it ended with a bunch of loose ends, waiting to be tied. So when the second session of the 109th Congress begins, there will be much to do. I have put together a short list of a few things I will be focusing on in the weeks and months to come.

One of the first things the Senate will vote on when the session starts will be the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito to the United States Supreme Court. I have met with Judge Alito several times now, and believe he has a great judicial temperament and personality. That being said, I will wait for the Senate Judiciary Committee to examine Judge Alito before I make a decision about whether I will or won't support his nomination. I want to allow the process to move forward before doing so, but at this point, I have seen nothing that suggests he will be anything but an outstanding Supreme Court justice.

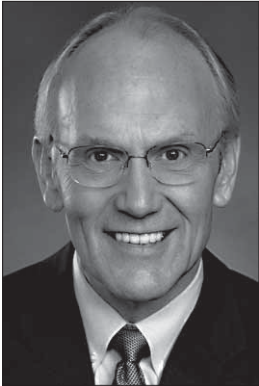
Speaking of federal judges, two Idahoans have been nominated to fill vacancies on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Bill Myers and Randy Smith are two very able Idahoans whom President Bush has nominated, and I will work with members of the Judiciary Committee and in the full Senate to get each of these gentlemen an up-or-down vote, as they deserve.

Soon after the Alito vote, the Senate likely will have to vote on reauthorization of the Patriot Act. As you may know by now, I have been working with my colleagues

in the Senate to include in the reauthorization more safeguards for civil liberties. The Patriot Act contains vital tools for law enforcement as they fight the war on terrorism, and those tools should not expire. However, when a law will be on the books for decades, spanning presidents and generations, we can't make assumptions that everyone will act with the integrity of the Bush administration. We need to make sure we get it right.

Another issue that the Senate Majority Leader (Bill Frist, R-Tenn.) expects to address early in the year is immigration reform. We absolutely must get our borders under control, and I have been working in the Senate to increase the number of border patrol agents, expand detention facilities and step up enforcement efforts. My bill, AgJOBS, would take another step in the right direction by reforming the agriculture worker, or H2-A, visa program. Increased border control is important, but we also need to reform our visa programs so workers desperately needed by farmers and business owners can come and go legally.

When 2006 ends, a law will expire that has been very helpful to Idaho: the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, also known as the Craig-Wyden Bill. Many in rural school districts around Idaho understand the importance of the financial assistance this law provides, and I have already begun working to secure reauthorization



Sen. Larry Craig

of it. I will continue this effort so Idaho counties where Uncle Sam is the biggest landowner — and thus without a broad tax base — can still provide vital services to residents and a high-quality education to the children.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, I'll also support efforts to authorize drilling for oil and natural gas in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. The Senate has approved drilling in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge several times, the most recently being in the FY 2006 Defense Appropriations bill. However, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge provisions were stripped out of the conference report. The United States must get back in the business of producing energy because Americans have already shown their dislike for high energy prices in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. This also will help address our reliance on foreign sources of oil, which is, in reality, a national security issue.

In addition, Congress still must pass a budget reconciliation package to rein in the growth of the federal government. Asbestos litigation reform is well past due, and pension reform is also high on the list of priorities for the second session.

As the second session of the 109th Congress begins, you can see we have a substantial list of items that need to be resolved. Because of the limitations of space, there are a number of things that I can't cover, although they are no less important to me. Having said that, I hope you won't hesitate to contact me through my Web site or any one of my offices in Idaho or Washington, D.C. I always appreciate hearing from you.

— Larry Craig is a U.S. senator from Idaho.

✓ Accuracy

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A notable exception, reflecting the show's pro-homosexual bias, is the minister's homosexual son, who comes across as serious and in danger of being outed to the local community. He is the only sympathetic character.

The pro-homosexual theme, a concrete example of liberal media bias, has never been more pronounced. I previously noted that Shales' paper, the Washington Post, has been cheerleading on behalf of the homosexual propaganda film, "Brokeback Mountain." It ran nine stories about the film in only six days. Over at the Post sister publication, Newsweek, I found two stories — in the

Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 issues. Here's what Newsweek said: "Its emotional impact builds slowly, its rhythms in tune with the countryside — the rugged grandeur of the mountains; the arid, bleak vistas of backwater Western towns, where the rooms seem as cramped as the sky is vast."

This flowery language is meant to disguise the fact that the film is about two married men with children who commit adultery by engaging in dangerous, unhealthy and immoral sex.

In a surprising development, Gene Shalit of the NBC Today Show called the film "wildly over-praised, but not by me," and characterized one of the characters as a "sexual predator."

These were fighting words to the censors at the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), a group supported by Hollywood money. GLAAD says it was

"irresponsible" for NBC News to have given Shalit a platform for his "offensive comments." But GLAAD's campaign has been complicated by the fact that Shalit's son is a homosexual, and he defends his dad as not "homophobic."

The controversy demonstrates the thought control and intimidation at work in media portrayal of homosexuality. Anyone perceived to be critical of a lifestyle that is directly responsible for the spread of a deadly disease, AIDS, is immediately branded as an enemy to be discredited or destroyed.

If America wants to export something worthwhile to the rest of the world, then the forces of moral decadence have to be exposed and defeated. The cultural war at home is as important as the war against terrorism abroad. We have to win on both fronts if we are to survive.

— Cliff Kincaid is Editor of the AIM Report.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JANUARY 3rd, 2006

Present were Commissioner’s Tolmie, Reynolds and Salove until 10:30 a.m. Clerk Sherburn, Sheriff Aman, Assessor Endicott, Treasurer Richards, Jim Desmond and Fred Grant.

The Board amended the agenda to include a Declaration of Emergency, and new employee pay rate.

The Board adopted Resolution’s 06-01 through 06-03 declaring a state of emergency caused by flooding. The Sheriff was appointed to serve as the coordinator for emergency services and authorized to bill for all costs.

The Board adopted Resolution 06-04 Requesting the Governor to Declare a Disaster as the result of Flooding.

Gerald Flatz with LHTAC met with the Board to discuss the hiring of an engineer on the Flint Creek Bridge project. No action was taken.

The Board approved the Weed Control Agreement with the BLM.

The Board approved the cancellation of taxes on Parcel RP 07S05E077310 in the amount of \$387.15.

Representatives from Idaho Power met to discuss a full time deputy to patrol CJ Strike Dam. No action was taken.

Assessor’s fees were discussed. No action taken.

The Board approved payment of bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$24,606, Road & Bridge \$2,261, District Court \$493, Probation \$1,767, Health District \$4,254, Indigent & Charity \$2,152, Revaluation \$21 Solid Waste \$926, Tort \$9,050, Weed \$113 911 \$2,590

The Board approved the part-time deputy clerk in Homedale to start at a 4A.

The Board approved the minutes from the last meeting.

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

s.s/Harold Tolmie
Attest: s.s/Charlotte Sherburn
1/18/06

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE A-56 SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING. THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO REVIEW PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CITY OF MARSING’S SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE A-56. THERE ARE PROPOSED CHANGES TO ALL SECTIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

- PREPARATION APPROVAL AND RECORDING OF PLAT REQUIRED, SALE BY METES AND BOUNDS
- DEFINITIONS
- PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISIONS REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF FINAL PLATS
- IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED; PERFORMANCE BOND PERMITTED IN LIEU OF ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION
- DIVISION OF COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS
- DESIGN REQUIREMENTS
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL

ANNUAL ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF MARSING MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT	
This certified report of dedicated funds is hereby submitted to the State Auditor as required by Idaho Code 40-708. Dated this 9th day of January, 2006 Attest: Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer Donald D. Osterhoudt, Mayor	
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005	
Beginning balance as of October 1 previous year	35663.
LOCAL FUNDING ‘SOURCES	
Property tax levy (for roads, streets & bridges	22149.
Interest income	708.
Total local funding	22857.
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	37811.
Sales tax/Inventory replacement tax	3952.
Sales tax/Revenue sharing	8696.
Total State Fund	50459.
Total receipts	73316.
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Patching	3046.
Snow removal	887.
Grading/blading	2352.
Total Routine Maintenance	6285.
EQUIPMENT	
Equipment maintenance	4377.
Total equipment	4377.
ADMINISTRATION	
Administrative salaries and expenses	47981.
OTHER	
Street lighting	7736.
Professional services-audit, clerical, and legal	1104.
Professional services-engineering	770.
Total other	9610.
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	68253.
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	73316.
CLOSING BALANCE	5063.
1/18/06	

PLAT
· FINAL INSPECTION AND RELEASE
· ISSUANCE OF BUILDING AND OCCUPANCY PERMITS
· AMENDED PLATS
· SCHOOL SITES, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, ETC.
· NO PERMIT OR LICENSE FOR USE IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE
· MONUMENTS
· PENALTIES
· VALIDITY OF ORDINANCE
· REPEALER
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: MARSING CITY HALL
DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2006
A COPY OF THE FULL TEXT OF THIS AMENDMENT IS AVAILABLE AT MARSING CITY HALL, DURING BUSINESS HOURS.
Christy Martinat, Secretary
1/11,18/06

HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below.

Description of property to be sold is as follows: 1989 Ford School Bus, VIN 1FDPB70K2KVA59264

Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$650.00 (the appraised value). The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on February 9, 2006 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates of January 18, 2006 and February

9, 2006.
/s/Faith K. Olsen
Assistant Clerk
1/18,25/06

CALL FOR BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF NEW BUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Marsing Joint School District No. 363, Marsing, Idaho for the purchase of a new school bus. Bids, documents and detailed specifications are available at the Marsing School District Office, 209 Eighth Ave. West, Marsing between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm., Monday through Friday until day of bid opening. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 3, 2006 to the Marsing School District Office, 209 Eighth Ave. West, Marsing, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. On February 3, 2006 at 3:00 p.m., bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof any or all bids and to waive any irregularities. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

Deb Holzhey, Clerk
Marsing Joint School District No.363
PO Box 340
Marsing, ID 83639
1/18,25/06

PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On February 8, 2006, the Owyhee County Planning & Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the County Annex, 17069 Basey Street, Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below:

10:30 AM - JEFF & JODIE CHRISTOFFERSEN have filed a conditional use permit application to place a single family residence on a 5 acre parcel located in the Agricultural Zone, west of

Homedale on Sage Road. Subject parcel is located in Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

2 PM –RONALD SCOTT has filed a conditional use permit application to split a 25 acre parcel from a parcel which is approximately 37 acres located in the Agricultural Zone south of Marsing off of Howard Road and Highway 78 in Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

3 PM - NEVON JEROME has filed a conditional use permit application to place a single family residence in an Agricultural Zone located south of Marsing off of Trap Shoot Road and Highway 78 in Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
1/18/06

PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On February 22, 2006, the Owyhee County Planning & Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the County Annex 1076 Basey Street, Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below:

10:30 AM – JDABS – R&R CONSTRUCTION has filed an application for a conditional use permit to divide a 14 acre parcel into 5 parcels for residential use. The proposed subdivision is located southeast of Homedale at the west end of West Lootens Lane off of Hogg Road in Section 23, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

2 PM –MICHAEL SIMMONS TRUST has filed an application for a conditional use permit to divide a 52 acre parcel into 32 lots for residential use. The proposed subdivision is located adjacent to Shari Hills Subdivision south of Marsing off of Highway 78 in Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
1/18/06

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Marsing City Council on 8th day of February 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Marsing City Hall, Idaho. The subject matter of the public hearing is to adopt new developmental fees and increase existing developmental fees for the purpose of covering current city cost. Copy of fee schedule available at city hall during regular business hours.

Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk
Treasurer
1/11,18/06

PUBLIC NOTICE: TO GRAND VIEW, IDAHO CITIZENS FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE NUMBER 1 – 2006 CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grand View, Idaho an Ordinance vacating that portion of Riverside Avenue, starting North of West Street and ending before Roosevelt Avenue or State Highway 67 legal right of way in the City of Grand View, Owyhee County, Idaho.

This property will then be donated to the Riverside Cemetery District located in Grand View, Idaho.

Helana Race
Grand View City Clerk
1/11,18/05

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING by the Opaline Irrigation District Board in accordance with Idaho Code Section 43-1003 on a petition from Elias and Inez Jaca requesting annexation into the district boundary of a 40 acre parcel of land described as the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian. The District Board will hold a hearing on the proposed annexation at the next regular meeting beginning at 7:00 pm on February 7, 2006 at 9528 Jaca Lane, Melba, Idaho. Cynthia Eaton, Secretary-Treasurer, 01/13/2006.
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NOTICE

The Southwest District Board of Health will hold a **Board Meeting** on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Southwest District Health, Room 206, 920 Main Street, Caldwell, Idaho.
1/18/06

NOTICE

Notice of Annual Meeting for Shareholders of South Side Bruneau Canal Company will be January 25, 2006 at 3:00 pm, Bruneau American Legion Hall.
1/18/06

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sage Community Resources, as the designated Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Idaho, announces its intent to accept proposals from eligible and interested organizations for the following services to the elderly in Southwest Idaho. This includes Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington Counties. Proposers may bid on any one or more services in any or all counties. Contracts will be let up to two years with two annual year extensions with good performance.

Chore, Congregate Meals, Dental, Grandparents As Parents Counseling, Health Promotion, Home Delivered Meals, Homemaker, Legal Assistance, Outreach, Transportation

Potential proposers must submit Letters of Intent to Bid to SW Idaho AAA, P.O. Box 311, Weiser, ID 83672 by 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2006. Only those submitting Letters of Intent will receive RFP materials and will be recognized proposers for the above services.
1/11,18/06

Have
a news tip?

Call us!

337-4681

Public notices

**NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the contents of the following storage unit will be disposed of by sealed bids on the 20th day of January, 2006. Unit Four (4), storage facility located at 600 W. Main Street, Marsing, Idaho. Organ, parts carts, oxygen & acetylene tanks, Shimano bicycle, 6.0 hp wet & dry vacuum, firewood stand, odds and ends.
Bruce Hampton, 9508 Jaca Ln., Givens Hot Springs, ID 83641.
Sealed bids will be accepted by Walt Smith at Nova Realty, 600 W. Main Street, Marsing, Idaho. Viewing of the contents and taking of bids will take place between 9:00am and 2:00pm on the 20th day of January, 2006, and bids will be opened and the sale made at 3:00pm on said date. Sale may be canceled without notice.
1/11,18,/06

**NOTICE OF STATE
SURPLUS LAND SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that there will be a public hearing for the purpose of gathering comments regarding the following described property belonging to the State of Idaho Military Division, and proposed for sale to the City of Homedale to use for airport expansion purposes. The property is described as follows: A parcel of land being a portion of the NW¼, Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., Homedale, Idaho, Owyhee County, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of NW¼, Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., thence South 88°42'27" East 1,580.45 feet, more or less, along the northerly boundary of said NW¼; thence South 28°12'13" West 103.36 feet; thence South 38°57'52" East 65.10 feet to a point on the Southeasterly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 95, Federal Aid project No. F-3311(11), also said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 38°57'52" East 470.28 feet; thence South 29°37'39" East 889.89 feet; thence North 52°14'26" West 1203.41 feet to a point on said Southeasterly right of way line; thence North 28°12'13" East 456.50 feet along said right of way line to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, said parcel containing 7 acres, more or less.
All mineral rights are to be reserved to the State of Idaho in accordance with Idaho Code §47-701. The parcel is being sold for \$23,100, along with the option

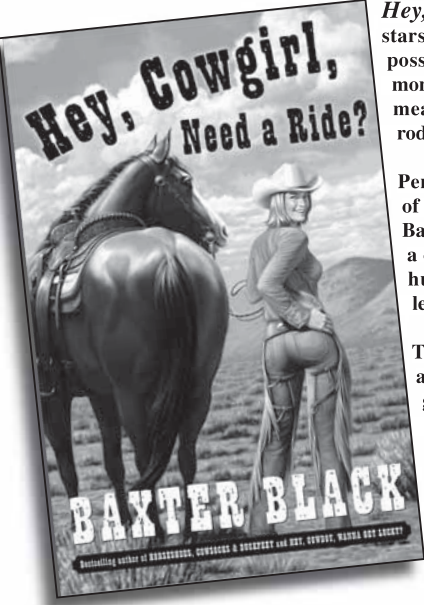
to use City-owned property that would be suitable for development of a National Guard Armory. The purchaser will be required to pay the advertising costs, land sale certificate fee and deed fee on the day of sale.
The hearing will be held at the Homedale City Hall Courtroom located at 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho, on February 1, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
Persons requiring special accommodation at the public hearing need to contact Perry Whittaker at the Idaho Department of Lands Office at (208-334-0233) at least one week prior to the public hearing date to make arrangements.
**BY ORDER OF THE
STATE BOARD OF LAND
COMMISSIONERS**
Winston A Wiggins, Director,
Idaho Department of Lands
1/11,18,25;2/1/06

**SUMMONS
IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR
DOUGLAS COUNTY**
In the Matter of Marriage of Blue Raine Burdine, Petitioner, and Donald Lee Burdine Jr., Respondent. Case No. 05 DO 1529DS
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the Petition of Dissolution filed against you. Petitioner seeks a decree dissolving the marriage of the parties and for other equitable relief.
This Summons is published by Order of the Honorable Joan G. Seitz, Judge of the above Court, entered on the 17 day of October, 2005, directing publication of this Summons once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper published in Owyhee County, Homedale, Idaho.
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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
CASE NO. CV-2006-05351H
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: GEORGE ROSS DAUSAN
A Petition to change the name of George Ross Dausan, born July 31, 1930, in Quates, New Mexico, residing at Box 214, Grandview, Idaho, was filed in Owyhee County District Court. His name will change to Oscar Ross Dawson because this is the name by which Petitioner has been known all his life, and Petitioner was, in fact, surprised to learn only recently that the name on his birth certificate is actually George Ross Dausan.
Petitioner's father has died, and the names and addresses of his closest blood relatives are Petitioner's siblings, Harold Dawson, 24118 Elm Street, Loveland, Ohio 45140 and Irene Dawson, 303 Denver Street, P. O. Box 806, Caldwell, Idaho 83606.
Petitioner's mother has died, and in addition to Petitioner and his siblings, her closest blood relative is Elvie Thomas, P.O. Box 876, Homedale, Idaho 83628
A hearing on the Petition is scheduled for 11:00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 31 W. Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the Court a good reason against the name change.
DATED this 12th day of January, 2006.
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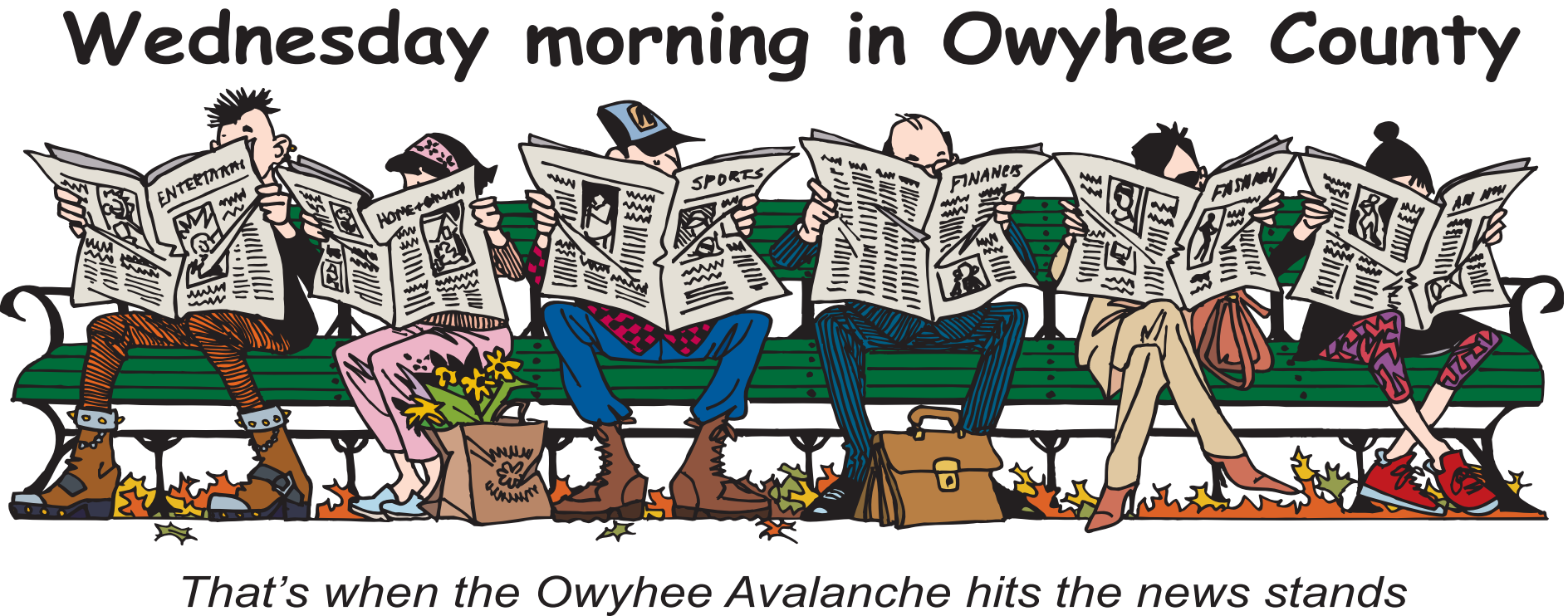


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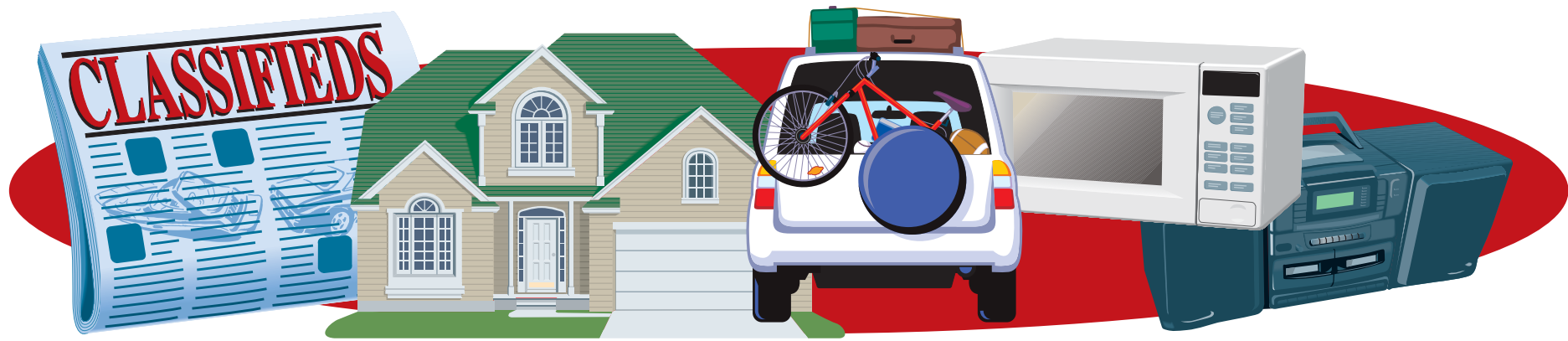
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