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### Melba tries school levy vote again

#### Owyhee public meeting planned

When patrons of the Melba School District voted against extending the Plant-Facility Levy in August, superintendent Bob Larson wasn't entirely surprised. Nor was he discouraged.

"They passed the supplemental levy (in August), and that's the one that raised taxes," Larson said. "That also was a huge statement for Melba."

Voters in the Melba district, which covers parts of Owyhee, Canyon and Ada counties, will

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### Armed standoff ends in arrest



#### **Deadly weapons**

Homedale Police Officers Jeff Eidemiller, Mike Flores and Andy Hoagland secure several firearms seized from a home Friday night after a nearly 2-hour standoff. Carol Geshick, 30, was arrested and charged with several felonies and a misdemeanor after threatening officers with a weapon.

#### Homedale woman taken into custody

A Homedale woman is behind bars this week after she brandished a weapon at officers and shot several bullets into the air and into her home.

Carol Geshick, 30, was taken into custody after a nearly 2-hour standoff with Homedale Police on Friday night, which ended with officers tackling her to the ground.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said deputies from the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and officers from the Wilder Police Department were called in to assist in the incident, which began at about 9 p.m. at a home in the 200 block of Second Street West.

Eidemiller said officers were

dispatched to the home for a welfare check after reports of Geshick hitting a friend.

Eidemiller said when officers arrived. Geshick had barricaded



Carol Geshick

herself in her house with several weapons and fired several rounds from the home. Eidemiller said he is confident Geshick would have injured someone in light of statements she made at the scene.

Owyhee County Deputy Jim Bish persuaded Geshick to speak to him in the open garage of the home. Eidemiller said she had laid a .22-caliber rifle down just inside the door as she and Bish spoke.

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### International Smorgasbord ready to cook on Saturday

Hundreds of pounds of food will be delivered to the Homedale Elementary School this week in preparation for the annual International Smorgasbord, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Homedale Middle School students have been selling tickets for the dinner, and cooks have been preparing menus for the fund-raising event.

This year's theme is "Teamwork Wins for Education." Tickets have been on sale for nearly a month and sixth-graders at the middle school have been competing to

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Going once, going twice ... sold

Shelby Dines holds a stuffed bear that was up for bid during the annual Marsing Disaster Auction on Saturday. More than \$80,000 was raised during the event.

#### 45th Marsing Disaster Auction

### Neighborly bidding sets event record

Helping Neighbors" as the fundraiser grossed more than \$80,000 Saturday, setting another record for the event.

"The Disaster Auction Board would like to again thank the community, businesses, churches, media outlets, and volunteers for their support," advertising volunteer Steve Ineck said. "Many people gave their generous support to make this all come together so successfully."

Hundreds of people attended the sale at the Phipps-Watson Community Hall to bid on a huge variety of donated and purchased items.

Students sold tickets for \$1 raffle items. Kayla Loucks won

Marsing's 45th annual disaster first place in the competition auction truly was "Neighbors and took home a portable Sony PlayStation for her efforts. Chad Dugan won second place and received an iPod music player, and Shannon Malmberg won \$100 for third place.

> Coordinators of the event said although totals had not been reported yet, each child sold more than 1,000 tickets each.

> In the \$1 raffle, Louise Tincher of Nampa won a half beef cut and wrapped sponsored by Spring Valley Livestock, Sandy and Terry McLeod, Joe Arriaga of Caldwell won a \$250 shopping

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### Owyhee Cattlemen's 2006 winter meeting

### Cattlemen hear initiative, eminent domain update

Owyhee Cattlemen were brought up to date on the Owyhee Initiative by initiative chairman Fred Grant and emminent domain by Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden during the winter convention held in Oreana on Saturday.

In the annual bit raffle, 10-yearold Zach Tindall's number was drawn before the meeting got under way.

Owyhee Cattlemen's Association President Brad Huff introduced Owyhee Initiative Chairman Fred Grant, who gave a detailed update on the progress of the Owyhee Initiative.

#### Fred Grant:

Owyhee Initiative

"Our first speaker has spent countless hours working to protect and preserve our heritage," Huff told the audience. "we are so fortunate to have him leading us through the challenges that are threatening our way of life. Fred Grant and Chad Gibson are here today to hopefully tell us that after five years the Owyhee Initiative is nearly complete and they will have the tools necessary to preserve our property."

Grant told the members that the language of the bill is complete, except for the sign-ons of the 13 ranchers who wanted to add to the wilderness designations in exchange for "land and other things that would benefit their operations."

"It was a very historic meeting, of yours, when you decided to support the basic wilderness designation," Grant told the ranchers. "Then those 13 got into Rodeo Board honored Connie

the package by voluntarily offering to be involved in the wilderness designation. That got us a buy out from the environmental members of the work group."

Grant said nearly all the ranchers have agreed to the terms of the bill and a final draft should be ready for commissioners before the end of the month. He said he suspects to turn over the bill to U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) before the first of March.

#### Lawrence Wasden:

Eminent domain

Wasden explained the right of eminent domain and its possible effects on the people of Owyhee County. He said several amendments are before the Legislature this year to amend the existing code and clarify that condemners may only condemn land needed for public use. He said the goal is to avoid the taking of private property for private use with the power of eminent domain.

In the state Senate, Bill No. 1242 is being discussed and lines out the facts for taking property by eminent domain.

Wasden said that property can be condemned if its use is authorized by law, taking is necessary to such use, if it is already appropriated to some public use and the public use to which it is to be applied is more necessary public use or that the property and all property rights to be acquired are necessary for public use at the time of the complaint.

Jerry Rayburn: Jordan Valley Rodeo Board

Jerry Rayburn, from the Jordan

Brandau and Brenda Richards with two gift certificates for their assistance in the annual Owyhee Heritage Council fundraiser in the fall. Rayburn also gave Cattlemen's president Brad Huff a check for \$10,000 for funds raised in the event.

"I just want to say, that is a great bunch to work for," Brandau said while receiving her gift. "They have really helped with the legal battles, and my job was made a lot easier with the help of Brenda Richards."

Rayburn said more than \$20,000 was raised during last year's Rope and Ride. The board gives half of the funds to Malheur County and half to the Cattlemen's Heritage Foundation.

"We want to thank everyone who participates in the event every year," Rayburn said.

The Cattlemen will meet in Silver City for the annual summer convention in July.

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Cattlemen's happenings

Top: Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden addresses the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter convention in Oreana on

Left: Ten-year-old Zach Tindall, right, receives a bit he won from Owyhee Cattlemen President Brad Huff during Saturday's winter convention.





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#### Lions bingo helps Marsing town center

Marsing Lions Benefit Bingo will be held Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Community Center at 126 2nd St. N.

There will be an early-bird session at 6:45 p.m., with another session beginning at 7 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the operation of the community center.

For more information, call Chris Salove at 896-4162.

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### 'Low Boil' meal donated for auction

Most folks in Homedale know Wayne Hungate as the friendly insurance guy from the Owyhee County Farm Bureau who loves the outdoors and is dedicated to his job. But what some don't know is Hungate is also a darn good southern-style cook.

As part of the silent auction for Saturday's annual International Smorgasbord, Farm Bureau has donated a catered "Low Country Boil" dinner for up to 10 people. Dave Cereghino and Hungate will serve as cooks for the feast. The dinner is a bit unusual, but Hungate says it is a lot of fun.

"The history of how I ended up knowing how to serve this meal is really very interesting," Hungate said. "Myself and my brother, Dave, took a gentleman from Georgia on a elk hunting trip about 20 years ago. He had such a good time, he invited us to Georgia for fishing and turkey hunting and while we were there, he also treated us to a Low Country Boil."

The "Low Country Boil" is called the "king" of all Low Country dishes and originated in the tidal plain of the Atlantic Ocean in South Carolina. But it's widely served throughout the southern United States.

And now it has made its way to Homedale.

A "Low Country Boil" consists of garlic, bay leaves, peppercorns, pepper, red potatoes, smoked sausage, corn on the cob, fresh jumbo shrimp and crab. But the way it's served is what makes it fun.

Everything is tossed into a huge boiling pot and simmered over a fire. When it is all done, the broth is drained off, the entire mixture is "thrown" over a freezer paper covered table, and everyone is invited to dig in.

"It is more of a finger dinner," Hungate said with a laugh. "It is great to see the look on people's faces when you throw this entire mixture across the table. But that's when the fun begins."

Hungate said he has served the meal to several families and at several functions in the Homedale area and it has been a big success. Now he wants to share his talent with others.

"I have an old pot that I found on the prairie near Cottonwood and when everything is done, you paper your table with freezer paper and throw it all down the center," Hungate said. "It is so fun to see people have not seen it before. They will be talking and wonder what the heck you are doing when you throw this meal down the table. Everyone just eats and eats until they are so full. It is great."

Hungate said he uses a pound of snow crab, half a pound of shrimp, one-third of a pound of sausage as well as enough corn on the cob and small red potatoes for every person being served. Season it to taste. Add sourdough bread and watermelon or pineapple for dessert, and the meal is complete.

The meal would normally cost about \$35 per person, so Hungate said the value of the donation is about \$350.

"We have served it at wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthdays - pretty much any function you might want or just for a family gathering," Hungate said. "It has been a great hit."

Hungate said the winner of the dinner can schedule a time for the meal to be served. He said he would travel to most locations in Owyhee, Canyon or eastern Malheur counties for the winning

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### Idaho 55 widening under way

After several years of public meetings and informationgathering, construction on Idaho 55 from the Sunnyslope curve to the Snake River Bridge near Marsing finally has begun.

The road-widening project will turn 2½ miles of the straightaway into five lanes with a middle turn lane and shoulders.

Work is expected to continue through the spring of 2007, so motorists can expect some delays in the future.

Work on the section of Idaho

55 north of Marsing will include a new bridge over a canal the road crosses and the addition of guardrails. It will cost \$6.1 million.

A spokesman from the Idaho Transportation Department said traffic is expected to slow during the course of the construction, but he did not know how extensive it would be. He said motorists could expect lane restrictions in the upcoming year.

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#### Cuisine

see which class can sell the most meal passes.

Advance dinner ticket sales are ongoing. Tickets can be purchased from a sixth-grade student or at the door.

Ticket prices include \$28 for a family of two adults and children with a limit of eight per family. Other ticket prices are: \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children grades 1-2 and \$2 for preschool children.

For more information, call Dirk or Robyn Tolmie at 337-4155.

Over the years, proceeds from the event have purchased more than \$240,000 in instructional materials and equipment for students in all three schools. Last year, the smorgasbord committee was able to give the schools more than \$9,000.

International food is being prepared in large quantities this week and includes 300 pounds of chorizos and 180 pounds of Basque codfish with pimentos. The European booth will be cooking 100 pounds of spaghetti and 5,000 meatballs. More than 2,500 pieces of Teriyaki chicken will be cooked and served in the Oriental booth, and more than 250 pounds of baked ham will be served in the American booth. A large variety of salads, breads and desserts brought by volunteers also will be served during the one-day event.

Some of the food booths include the American booth, operated by John and Teresa Gibson and Brian Morris, and featuring smoked brisket and this year, instead of potatoes, Sherry Romriell will serve beans.

Booth chairpersons include: Basque booth, John and Gloria Lejardi; European booth, LeAndra Uranga; Oriental booth, Betty Uda; bread booth, Patty Syme; dessert booth, Tracy Fisher; Mexican booth, Rodrigo and Mary Villarreal; beverages, Teresa Ryska; and salad booth, Melanie Harper.

Other people and organizations helping out include: Amy Freelove, who is in charge of plates and utensils; Frontier Communications workers will do the booth setup; electrical setup, Clint and Sherry Romriell; dishwashers, Dirk Tolmie; coat check, Gloria Lejardi; courtesy kids, Keith Fields; ticket takers,



#### **Pounds of poultry**

Nathan Dalton delivers hundreds of pounds of chicken to Homedale Elementary School last week in preparation of Saturday's annual International Smorgasbord.



#### Fifth week winners

Winners of the fifth and final week of ticket sales for Saturday's International Smorgasbord were (front row, left to right): Conner Landa, \$187; Deena Emry, \$115; Trey Corta, \$369; and Bryce Osborn, \$796. Standing behind the students are, from left to right: Chairmen Dirk and Robyn Tolmie and co-chairperson Kelley Hansen. Each student receives a large Hershey candy bar from Paul's Markets, free bowling at Owyhee Lanes and 10 dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Overall winners in the contest were Osborn, \$1,257, Zachary Mereness, \$520 and Corta, \$369. Ticket sales totaled \$6,237.

Barbie Vander Boegh.

The art show, held in conjunction with the annual event, is open to anyone who has his or her work framed or matted.

This year's judge for the art show will be retired schoolteacher Ned Stokes. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded in elementary, middle and high school and adult divisions. A grand champion, first-, second- and third-place ribbons will be awarded in each division.

As in years past, a People's Choice award will not be given.

All art show entries must be brought to the elementary school's art room before 10:30 a.m. Friday. Scott Freeby; art show, Katie Artwork can be picked up at 6:30 the day with music. Belanger; and basket auction, p.m. Saturday or at the elementary

school on Monday.

The basket auction will again be held with a huge variety of handmade theme baskets. Barbie Vander Boegh, who will spearhead the event, said baskets would be accepted until the morning of the dinner.

This year's theme baskets include: bath and body, kitchen, outdoor activities, chocolate, family time, things a kindergartner would like, and some unnamed goodies. Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance has donated a special basket, a catered "Low Country Boil" dinner.

Local groups have been organized to entertain throughout

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### Homedale child nabs tabs for needy

Carlie Purdom has devoted two years of her young life to helping families with sick children by collecting the tabs from the tops of soda cans.

Carlie, now 9 years old, has collected thousands of tabs since starting the project two years ago. She said Randee Garrett helped her get started.

"I want to do this because it helps people who are in the hospital," Carlie said. "It helps them get things that they wouldn't normally be able to get. My grandfather has been in the hospital a couple of times and it is hard. I think we should make things easier on people who have things hard."

The Ronald McDonald House recycles the tabs as a fund-raiser. The value is computed by weight.

During 2003, Ronald McDonald House averaged more than \$700 a month on pop tab recycling.

Collection boxes with a Ronald McDonald House theme have been placed in each Homedale district school, and students from all three have been collecting the tabs.

Carlie holds a monthly contest with a pizza party for the class that



Carlie Purdom

has collected the most tabs for the month. At the end of the year, the tabs will be sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Boise.

"I think it is a good way to help people and it is important so other people will spread the happiness and help others," Carlie said.

Tina Purdom, Carlie's mother, said if parents begin collecting the tabs, she can pick them up from homes or businesses. To donate tabs, call (208) 337-4878.

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# Federal agencies adjust 2006 public grazing fees

The federal grazing fee for Western public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service will be \$1.56 per animal unit month (AUM) in 2006, down from \$1.79 in 2005.

The newly adjusted fee, determined by a congressional formula and effective on March 1, applies to nearly 18,000 grazing permits and leases administered by the BLM and more than 8,000 permits administered by the Forest Service.

The formula used for calculating the grazing fee, established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act, has continued under a presidential Executive Order issued in 1986.

Under that order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per AUM, and any increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year's level.

An Animal Unit Month is the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and her calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats for a month. The annually adjusted grazing fee is computed by using a 1966 base value of \$1.23 per AUM for livestock grazing on public lands in Western states.

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The figure is then adjusted according to three factors — current private grazing land lease rates, beef cattle prices, and the cost of livestock production.

Based on this formula, the 2006 fee declined primarily because of an increase in production prices.

The \$1.56 per AUM grazing fee applies to 16 Western states on public lands administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. The states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The Forest Service applies different grazing fees to national grasslands and to lands under its management in the Eastern and Midwestern states and parts of Texas.

The national grassland fee will be \$1.73 per AUM, down from \$1.90 in 2005, and will also take effect March 1.

#### Correction

In an article, "Seniors protest contract changes" published in the Jan. 25 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, a quote wasin correctly attributed to Elderly Opportunity Agency Executive Director Nettie Bain.

The quote: "Because of the Elderly Opportunity Agency.

budget, we have not been able to pay the centers since September of last year. They have actually been taking care of themselves right now and still are able to operate," should have been attributed to Donna Water, fiscal officer from Elderly Opportunity Agency.



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### √ Levy

be asked again to extend the Plant-Facility Levy in a Feb. 28 election.

This time, though, Larson is out to put more information in the hands of the voters. He's holding public meetings in the weeks before the election so people know exactly what the levy is about.

"We have to do a better job of communicating to all our voters, but especially our Owyhee County patrons," Larson said.

First and foremost, he stresses voters will be deciding whether to extend a levy that's already in place. In other words, property taxes won't rise if the measure passes. It merely means that the school district's

\$200,000-per-year levy that originally was passed in 1999 will be extended for 10 years — the maximum allowable under state law.

The district's Buildings and Grounds Committee—comprised of 25 patrons—decided against asking for \$300,000 a year—a move that would have triggered a tax hike—because of the economic climate, Larson said.

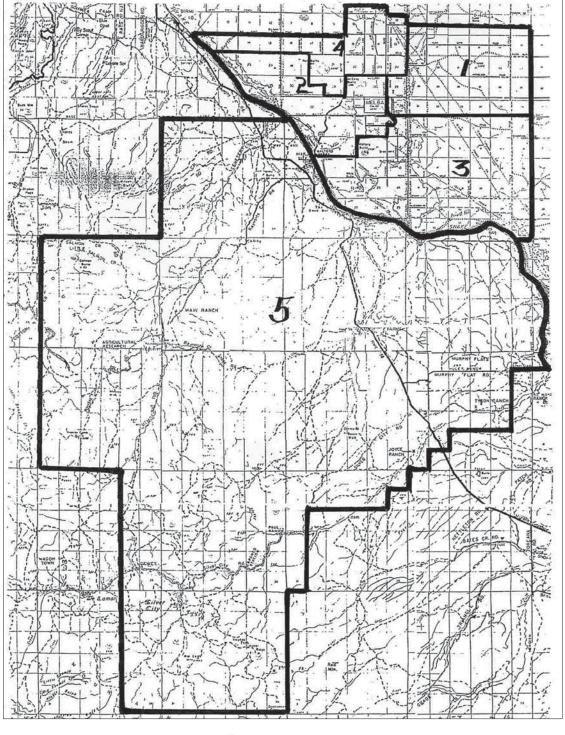
A super majority of two-thirds is required for the levy to pass. In August, voters cast more "yes" ballots for the measure than "no" votes, but the school district didn't gain the votes necessary for a super majority. Voter turnout in August was minimal, with only 261 of 1,477 registered voters casting ballots (17.7 percent). Of those who voted, 146 approved of the measure. Nays outnumbered yeas, 29-23, in Owyhee County, but voters in Ada and Canyon counties were supportive of the levy.

Only 52 of Owyhee's 336 registered voters showed up at the polls (15.5 percent).

"I just think it's a matter of education because Melba school patrons have been supportive of that school district for generations," Larson said.

The Owyhee County public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. Other meetings are planned for 7 p.m. on Feb. 22 and Feb. 27 at the Melba High School Commons.

If the levy extension passes, Larson said the money raised will be used to maintain the school buildings and grounds as the district tries to catch up with then stay ahead of the expanding student population. He said the



#### District map

The Melba School District contains parts of three Idaho counties, including Owyhee, Canyon and Ada. The district is split into five zones, and the largest geographic zone is in Owyhee County. Roughly, Zone 5's boundaries are the Snake River to the east, Salmon Creek Road to the north and south of Silver City. The western boundary is west of De Lamar and Salmon Creek Road. Submitted map

district now has an enrollment of 720 students, but that is expected to rise as more housing subdivisions come online within district boundaries.

Larson says for projection purposes, the district figures two children will come out of every house built in those subdivisions. Since last summer 300 more homesites have been approved for construction within the district.

Melba schools can raise \$2 million during the life of an extended Plant-Facility Levy. Larson said \$50,000 each year will be dedicated to computer technology for classrooms.

Money from the Plant-Facility

Levy cannot be used to pay district salaries.

Larson said the money will be used to continue improvement and upkeep on infrastructure items such as roofs, heaters and boilers. Another issue is adding underground irrigation at the high school, a project that was tabled when the school was built because the district put the priority on the buildings.

Some of the money will be used to secure property for a new elementary school, too. The superintendent said the district's primary school is at its population capacity now.

Anyone of legal voting age

living within the boundaries of the Melba School District is eligible to vote. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Feb. 28, and Owyhee County residents in the district will vote at the courthouse in Murphy.

Canyon County patrons vote at the Melba School District office at 185 Broadway in Melba, while Ada County residents cast their ballots at the residence of Pastor Russ Steiner, 7979 Initial Point Road in Melba.

Absentee ballots can be requested until 4 p.m. on the day of the election by calling the school district at 495-1141.

— JB

### $\sqrt{\text{Standoff}}$

After an extensive conversation with the accused, Eidemiller attempted to take her into custody by shooting her with a Taser gun, but Geshick turned and the shot missed her. Eidemiller said as she turned to reach for the gun again, he knocked her to the ground.

"She was very distraught, and

we had no idea what her intentions were," Eidemiller said. "It was a very tense situation, but our officers' and assisting law enforcement's coordinated efforts were able to end the situation with no injuries."

Geshick was taken to a Caldwell hospital for evaluation and later arrested. She is being charged with three felony counts of assault on law enforcement officers, one felony count of aggravated battery, misdemeanor exhibition of a deadly weapon, and discharge of a firearm at inhabitated dwellings, also a felony.

Several rifles, shotguns and weapons were seized at the scene.

Art Trogden has lived in the neighborhood for more than 30 years and said he has never seen this kind of incident in his neighborhood before, but he was not surprised.

"We are getting bigger," Trogden said. "The more people you get in the area, the more things like this will happen."

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### ION plaza tire store changes ownership

The Tire Factory at the ION Truck Plaza in Marsing changed ownership last week, with D&D Tire, Inc., of Tonopah, Nev., taking over operation of the store.

Patti DiMartini, who with her husband, Paul, owns D&D Tire announced the company had taken over the business from original owners Paulette and Marvin Wallin.

Marvin Wallin passed away late last year. Patti DiMartini said her husband — who is D&D's CEO and president — had talked with Wallin about buying the business in the past.

The business name will change from the Tire Factory to D&D Tire.

D&D has locations throughout Nevada, including Reno, Fernley, Tonopah, Pahrump, Elko and Eureka. Patti DiMartini said the company just opened a retail store in Elko.

Paul DiMartini built the company on supplying heavy-duty tires to mining companies for their heavy equipment in Nevada. But the Marsing location allows for the marketing of passenger car and light truck tires as well as catering to the needs of the truckers who drive the semi-trailer route through Idaho, Oregon and Nevada on U.S. 95.

"We'll be doing the same type of things that (the Marsing location is) doing now, but we have national accounts (with tire manufacturers), and that's a real big thing with truck drivers coming through," Patti DiMartini

D&D also owns a retreading plant in Caldwell.

The Marsing store will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Patti DiMartini is excited about the possibilities with the new store, which is at the crossroads of Idaho 55 and U.S. 95.

"We think it's a great location," Patti DiMartini said. "Obviously it's a rural area, but you have a lot of population in this area, and you have all these truckers."

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### Obituaries

#### Virginia M. Beaman

Virginia M. Beaman, 92 of Grand View, died Sunday, January 29, 2006, at a local hospital. A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, February 10 at the Knight Community Church in Grand View. Inurnment will follow at the Riverside Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to visit at the Grand View Senior Center following the services.

Virginia M. Smith Beaman was born in Portland, Oregon, on December 13, 1913, to Mary and Ray Smith. She moved with her parents to Mountain Home where she attended grade school and graduated from Mountain Home High School in 1931.

In 1934, she began teaching in Hayland grade school, a one-room school with all eight grades, she taught there for two years. Virginia continued teaching the next three years in Grand View, leaving only at that time to get married. Married teachers could not work in the Grand View School District. Virginia married LeRoy Beaman on May 20, 1939, in Boise and they had four daughters.

Virginia was always a wellknown and respected member of



the community. She taught school in the Grand View valley for 33 years when she decided to retire. At this time she was teaching the grandchildren of her first students. In 1972, Virginia was selected as Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America. This honor is awarded annually, honoring the men and women who have distinguished themselves by their service and leadership in the field of elementary education. She belonged to the Idaho Education Association, the National Education Assoc. and

was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma. Virginia was very active in the Grand View Senior Center, the Knight Community Church, the Lady Lions Club, the Lions Club, the Cowbelles of Owyhee County, and the Sheriff's Posse.

Virginia is survived by her daughters, Patricia Beaman of Grand View, Diana Berger of San Dimas, CA, and Kathy and Leonard Jackson of Edmonds, WA, 5 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, a sister-inlaw Virginia Beaman Cowger, Kuna, and a niece and three nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband LeRoy Beaman, a daughter Linda, a son-in-law Gerry Berger, a sister Naomi Lang, two brothers, Art and Howard Smith, and a nephew Dr. Richard Beaman of Kuna.

Donations may be made to the Grand View Ambulance Service, the Grand View Fire Department, the Grand View Senior Center or the Knight Community Church all C/O Grand View, Id 83624.

Arrangement are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

#### Jim Black

James "Jim" F. Black, 82, of Bruneau, died Jan, 18, 2006, at a local hospital.

At his request, no services will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

He was born in Bruneau on March 26, 1923, to Errol F. and Anna (Grav) Black.

Jim attended grade school in Bruneau and graduated from Bruneau High School in the class of 1941. He attended welding school in Weiser and upon graduation was employed as a welder for a ship yard in Portland,

In 1943 he was drafted into the Army and did his basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He served his Army duty in Greenland building refueling stations for the Army engineers.

He spent several years in Canada employed as a pipeline

He met and married Gertrude "Gert" Denzler while in Canada and together they returned to the Bruneau Valley where they farmed for several years, retiring

Jim was well known for his talented welding ability, his family noted.

Jim is survived by: his wife, Gert, of Bruneau; a step-son, Kurt, and his wife, Ann; two granddaughters, three greatgrandchildren, all of Canada; his sister, Bonnie, and her husband, Ray Colyer, of Bruneau, three nieces, two nephews and many

He was preceded in death by two infant children, and his brother, John.

### Death notice

WILLIAM C. KELLEY, 94, of Caldwell and formerly of Homedale, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at a Caldwell care center. At his request there will be no services. Cremation is under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

#### Obituary policy

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#### Hilda Northup

Madras resident Hilda "Jimmie" Alvina Northup died July 9, 2005, at the age of 90.

Mrs. Northup was born Aug. 15, 1914, in Bingham County, Idaho, to parents Henry and Minnie (Stroh) Bierman. On March 27, 1936, she married Charles "Chuck" Northup in Wilder, Idaho, and they lived there until moving to Vancouver, Wash., to work in the shipyards, where she worked as an electrician.

In 1948, they moved to Madras and began Northup Farms on Agency Plains, and continued to live there after retirement.

Mrs. Northup was an active member of the Juniper Rebekah Lodge, and Go and Sew Club, and enjoyed cooking, crafts and especially gardening.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Chuck Northup of Madras; 14 nieces and nephews, 47 grand-nieces and grand-nephews, and numerous great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews, many of whom knew her as "Auntie."

She was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Waters of Telocaset, Ore.; brothers, William "Bill" Bierman of Madras, Clarence Bierman of Madras and Henry Bierman of Nampa, Idaho.

A graveside service was held July 15 at Mt. Jefferson Memorial Park Cemetery, officiated by the Rev. Bob Benson. Memorial donations suggested to Mountain View Hospice.



Maripaul and Purvis Starr, 1956



Purvis and Maripaul Starr, today

### Starrs prepare to mark 50th wedding anniversary

Anniversary

The children of Maripaul and Purvis Starr invite you to share in the celebration of 50 years of marriage.

Married Feb. 14, 1956, in Marsing, the couple has lived in the Caldwell and Sunny Slope area for the past 50 years while Purvis worked at Symms Fruit Ranch.

They have five children, 14

grandchildren and six great grandsons.

An open house will be held in their honor from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Deer Flat Free Methodist Church west of Caldwell. Please join us as we celebrate the lives of two very special people. No presents

### 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.* 

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**E-mail** — jbrowneditor@cableone.net **Drop off** — 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale

Call (208) 337-4681 for more information on guidelines, including e-mailed photos.

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#### Your finances

# Teach grown kids how to self-sustain

#### Dear Dave,

I'm married and have two adult stepkids. I tend to be stricter in money issues than my wife. My oldest stepchild, who is 30, and her child moved back in with us because things weren't going well in her job. My stepson is 21, in college and still lives at home. My wife gives them money when issues arise. I think she's finally getting tired of doing this, but how can we fix it?

— Jeff in Jacksonville, Fla.

#### Dear Jeff,

If she's 30 years old, this is about 13 years late in coming. The thing is, sometimes people confuse putting your foot down with being mean. You're not being mean when you teach a 30-year-old how to selfsustain and require that of her. The same thing goes for a 21-year-old. Now, being a single mom is really tough. More than half of all single moms live below the poverty level. Allowing her to come back home for a little while is a noble thing, but if you do that without a solid game plan and exit strategy in place, you're asking for trouble!

It's a little tougher at this stage, though, and it's going to be like teaching an old dog new tricks. You've also got to make sure that you and your wife are completely on the same page. In your situation, I'm sure you've experienced the evil stepdad routine. Make sure the kids understand that you're not pushing them away for good, but that you're both giving them the opportunity to be all they can be. That won't happen while they're huddled under momma's wing.

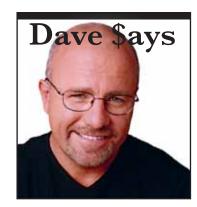
Once you two are in solid agreement on every point, sit down with the kids and let them know the ways you're going to continue to help them and the ways you won't. You might help with food, but not money. If they're going to continue to live with you, there might be an understanding that it's only until a certain date, and during that time you're going to teach them how to stand on their own two feet through work and how to handle money.

Remember the saying if you give a man a fish you feed him for a day, but if you TEACH a man to fish you feed him for a lifetime? They're not going to learn when you give them everything or pay their bills for them. But when you make it a teaching experience, they're going to feel better about themselves and YOU'RE going to feel better because you've got responsible, adult children out there in the world.

— Dave

#### Dear Dave,

I went through a divorce that was finalized in September, and I have two kids, 12 and 17. I'm debt-free and own my own home, which is worth about \$350,000. I also have \$160,000 in savings and I receive



#### DAVE RAMSEY

\$1,200 in child support every month. Friends tell me I should start investing, and they're all telling me something different to do with my money. What do you suggest?

— Mary in Cincinnati

#### Dear Mary,

Unlike most ladies who go through a divorce, you're in an excellent financial position. Your net worth is a half-million dollars and you have no debt, so in a financial sense life's not too bad.

The first thing I'd say is that you shouldn't make any life-changing decisions right now. This divorce is still fresh, and you should never make big, long-range decisions when your emotions are out of whack. As for the \$160,000, I wouldn't do a lot with it right now. I'd put \$100,000 of it in a CD for a year until you get over the shock and change of what's happened. You won't make much money off of it, but you're not going to lose anything. Then I'd take the remaining \$60,000 and park it in good growth stock mutual funds ones that are very conservative and have long track records. A year from now, your mind will be in a better place and you'll be in shape to make real plans for the future.

Also, you're going to be an empty-nester in a few years. You've got to decide what you want to do with the rest of your life. Do you want to go back to school, start a business or maybe even be a lady of leisure? You've got a little learning to do about investing, too, and giving yourself this year will allow for education and thinking about what you want out of life. It's probably a little scary for you to think about investing right now, but knowledge has a way of erasing fear and you've got a responsibility to your kids to invest this money wisely.

Here are the rules, Mary. Take your time, don't invest money in something you don't understand and don't invest money in real estate or mutual funds unless you're going to leave it there for at least five years. Make sure you spend time loving on your kids, too. That'll help with the healing process as much as anything.

— Dave

— Find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org.

# School menus

Feb. 9-15

#### **Homedale Elementary**

Feb. 9: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 10: No school K-8 only.

Feb. 13: Hamburger & fish patty/bun, fries/tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 14: Chicken tenders or CF beef steak, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 15: Crispito or tst cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

#### **Homedale Middle**

Feb. 9: Chicken tenders or CF beef stk, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk.

Feb. 10: No school K-8 only.

Feb. 13: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, fruit bar, cookie, milk.

Feb. 14: Rice bowl w/chicken or egg rolls, veggies, fruit bar, fortune cookie, milk.

Feb. 15: Burrito or fish patty, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

#### Homedale High

Feb. 9: Chicken or hamburger/bun, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.

Feb. 10: Early out. Chicken taco or French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 13: Pizza, nacho bar or chef's salad, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.

Feb. 14: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rich, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 15: Idaho haystack or burrito, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

#### Marsing

Feb. 9: Enchiladas, rice, salad, fruit, milk, Chinese egg roll, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

Feb. 10: Pudding, milk, veggies, milk, chicken nuggets, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Feb. 13: Burrito/ rice, fruit, milk, hamburger, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

Feb. 14: Red Baron pizza, salad, fruit, milk, baked potato & chili

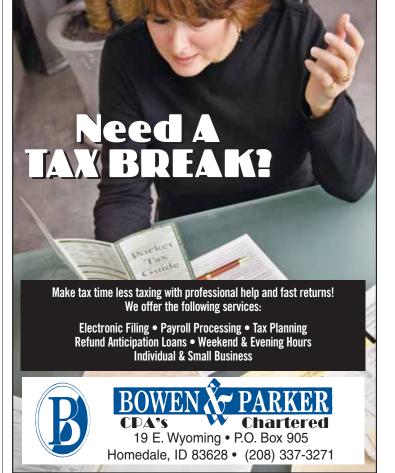
bar, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll. Feb. 15: Soft tacos, fruit, desserts, milk, chicken fajitas, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

#### Bruneau

Feb. 9: Idaho haystack, corn, fruit, cinnamon twist, milk.

Feb. 10: Hamburger/bun, French fires, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk. Feb. 13: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll/butter, milk.

Feb. 14: Weiner wraps, potato wedges, veggies, fruit, cookie, milk. Feb. 15: Tuna & cheese sandwich, tots, veggies, fruit, cookie, milk.



# Senior news

### **Marsing Senior Center**

Feb. 9: Roasted chicken, potatoes/gravy, broccoli soup, salad, dessert, drink.

Feb. 13: Roast beef, potatoes/ gravy, mixed veggies, salad, soup, dessert, drink.

Feb. 14: Chili, squash, coleslaw, cornbread, soup, dessert, drink.

Feb. 15: Chicken, potatoes/ gravy, peas & carrots, salad, soup, dessert, drink.

#### Calendar

#### Saturday, Feb. 11

Marsing Lions Benefit Bingo, 6:45 p.m. (early bird session) and 7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Community Center, 126 2nd St. N., Marsing. Proceeds benefit Marsing Community Center. 896-4162

Submit information on upcoming fund-raisers, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to either jbrowneditor@cableone.net or cherylbeeson@cableone.net. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4861.





#### More about Amethyst: The Rose de France

Did you know that not all Amethyst is purple and that artificial heat is sometimes used to enhance the color? In fact, the pale colors of this gemstone are sometimes called "Rose de France" and can be found set in Victorian jewelry while, the deeper colors of Amethyst like those that are rich purple and, also contain rose flashes, are among the more valuable species.

Amethyst is mined in Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia and Argentina, as well as in Zambia, Namibia and other African countries. And very dark amethyst, mostly in small sizes, is mined in Australia.

Yet it is the amethyst from South America that tends to come in larger sizes than those from Africa. Conversely, amethyst from Africa has the reputation of presenting even more saturated color in the smaller small sizes. 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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### Dean's list

### University of Idaho

Thirteen students with local ties have been named to the University of Idaho Dean's List for the fall semester.

To achieve the honor, undergraduates must carry a gradepoint average of 3.5 or better on at least 12 graded credits:

Homedale — College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences: Shannon C. Batt, Jason Nash Bideganeta, Richard Corey Huddleston, Yasone Maite Lejardi and Christine Marie Tiddens; College of Science: Jeremy David Dawson

Marsing - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: Noe Galvan and Nicasio Roman Usabel; College of Education: Amy Lynn Van Wassenhove

Melba—College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences: Matthew Todd Breach

Murphy—College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: Randy Allen Hulet; College of Business and Economics: Rebecca Lenore

Wilder — College of Science: Spencer Taylor Batt



#### Accident

Homedale Middle School teacher David Correa checks the damage to his vehicle after an accident on Homedale Road on the morning of Jan. 31. Correa said he, his wife, and two children were on their way to school when the driver of the other vehicle pulled out in front of him. The name of the other driver was not available at press time. Correa said everyone in his vehicle was wearing a safety harness.

### Read all about it The Owyhee Avalanche 337-4681

### County continues repair of flood-damaged roads

#### Officials re-open Oreana Loop

In a sign of improving roadways, military personnel last week removed the makeshift bridge that spanned Brown's Creek, signaling the re-opening of Oreana Loop Road.

The bridge had been in place in Oreana after the collapse of the culverts and the roadway during heavy flooding on Jan. 1.

Now with one problem area addressed, Owyhee County Disaster Coordinator Gary Aman said work continues to repair road damage across the county until Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) receives its goahead to begin work on the Silver City Road.

Last month, heavy rain and snow run-off damaged miles of roads in the county, causing officials to declare a disaster. FEMA and Homeland Security officials were called in to assess the damage after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed a declaration of emergency in early January.

The county and FEMA officials estimate that more than \$1.5 million will be spent before the damage is repaired, with \$1 million being used on the Silver City Road alone.

Aman said last week that he met with commissioners and agreed on a plan of strategy.

"The Oreana Loop Road was re-opened on Sunday," Aman said Monday morning. "It is not complete, but it is passable.

"We needed to sit down with all of the agencies involved to determine what we can do with the money that is coming in from the state and the county."

Owyhee County Commissioners agreed that the

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#### Bridge repair

Repairs to the Brown's Creek Bridge continued last week, and the section of road on the Oreana Loop was re-opened Sunday. Bridge and road repairs are ongoing in Owyhee County as officials continue assessments of damages caused from a New Years flood.

county would make repairs to Bates Creek, Hearts Creek, a bridge and culvert on Reynolds Creek and that the state should be able to fix the Trout Creek Road from Delmar to the bathrooms near Silver City.

Aman said the state plans to start the Trout Creek project in the middle of March, and it should be finished by early

"That will take up the county and state money," Aman said. "In the meantime, we are waiting to hear from FEMA on the Silver City Road. We are confident we will get the signature for federal declaration, but it will take some time."

When funds come into FEMA, that agency's engineers and the state's engineers will address the Silver City Road condition. FEMA has requested President Bush sign the declaration so federal funds can be obtained.

"We are on schedule," Aman

said. "We are confident it will happen, but it will take a couple of weeks. In the meantime, people will have access through Trout Creek Road.

Aman said once the pieces fall into place, Silver City Road could be open by late spring.

"Once we get the FEMA money, things will roll real quick on the Silver City Road. I would suspect that when the declaration is made, it should be done by early June."

But Aman said if the president does not sign the declaration, he could not guess how long it would take to make the road accessible.

"The county would have to come up with over \$1 million to fix it," Aman said.

Thompson Road work continues through the Homedale Highway District, and Aman said it should be open soon.

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### **√** Auction

spree sponsored by the Marsing American Legion Post 128, and Angie Malmberg of Marsing won a whole pig cut and wrapped sponsored by Raymond Gaviola.

Auction committee members and local businesses sold \$10 tickets for larger raffle items.

John Robinson of Middleton won a Ruger 22-250 rifle and scope donated by Wayne Hungate of Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance; Rod Endicott of Caldwell won a Rhino gunsecurity safe donated by Rhino Safes of Caldwell; Janiee Nelson of Boise won a 12-foot-by-15foot canvas sheep herders tent and frame donated by Ken's Tent and Canvas; and Katy Smit of Caldwell won a spa and lunch leisure day package donated by Dick Downum and Haken Insurance Agency of Marsing.

A few top-selling auction items included a storage shed donated by Russ Lindeman which sold to Bo Carter for \$1,900; a miniature gas-powered NASCAR, which Nick DeRuyter purchased for \$750; and a shotgun donated by Mike Matteson of Owyhee Motor Sales, NAPA Auto Pars, that went to Wayne Hungate for \$375.

This annual event attracts

hundreds of people from within and beyond Idaho's borders. It serves as a fund-raiser to generate money for local community disaster relief. Proceeds help families who have suffered from serious illnesses and help cover costs associated with hospital stays or large medical bills or other tragedies.

The auction also assists in funding the Marsing Volunteer Ambulance District. In addition, a portion of the proceeds is donated to United Way and other local service organizations.

Last year, Hope House, the Marsing Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, the Marsing Senior Center, the Owyhee County Resource Center, Marsing-Homedale Cemetery and Marsing Elementary School benefited from the event.

Through its scholarship program, the Disaster Auction also handed out two \$500 scholarships to local students who rendered strong community service last year.

This year's auctioneers included Chris Brown, Bob Hopkins, Sid Maxwell, Lonnie Rudd, Rick Brown, Ellis Albright, Roger Baker, Sam Baker and JB Salutregui.

— САВ



#### Apply some color

As adults bid on auction items, local volunteers treated the kids to face-painting during last weekend's annual Marsing Disaster Auction.

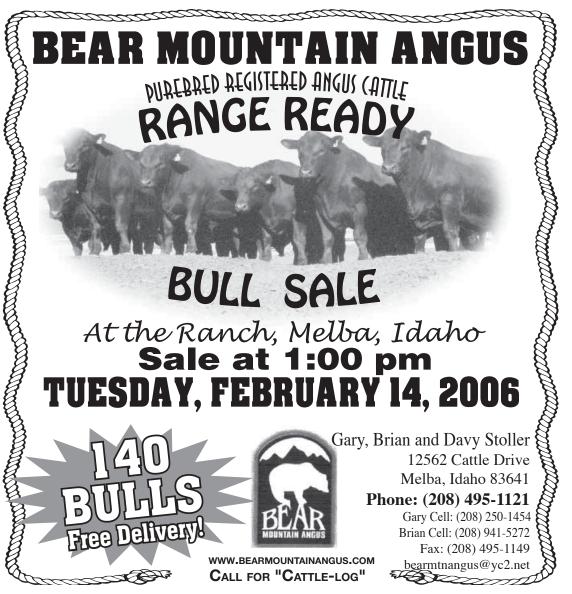






#### **Auction highlights**

Top: Auctioneer Sid Maxwell calls out bids during the annual Marsing Disaster Auction on Saturday. Left: Disaster auction volunteer Bo Carter displays two handmade glass hangings during the auction Saturday. John Salove had the winning bid for the ornaments.



### 'Fiddle' around with sweetheart for Valentines

Youth musical group raises funds by serenading for Cupid's big day

Valentine's Day is the one day society sets aside to celebrate those closest to our heart. Whether it is a spouse, child, girlfriend or a boyfriend, something special is usually done to honor one or many special individuals in our lives.

This year, local romantics, will be able to give a very unique gift, with a personalized fiddlegram from the Junior Jammer

Eight Homedale area Jammers will deliver a fiddlegram to any resident or business within the Treasure Valley for a minimal cost. But along with a romantic song, the recipient will also receive a plush toy with their order.

Customers will be serenaded with "Let me call you Sweetheart," and a customer choice song from a list of romantic melodies the Jammers have been practicing.

Homedale Junior Jammers include Kiley Potter, Justine and McKenna Calzacorta, Jacob and Sara Reinecker, Daria Paxton,



#### Valentine serenade

Junior Jammers, front row, left to right, Daria Paxton, Carlie Purdom and McKenna Calzacorta and, back row, left to right, Whittney Uria, Kiley Potter and Justine Calzacorta practice love songs for Valentines gifts this month. Customers will be serenaded with "Let me call you Sweetheart," and a customer choice song from a list of romantic melodies the Jammers have been practicing.

Carlie Purdom, and Whittney go to help raise money for the

Proceeds from fiddlegrams

Jammers to attend the Idaho Open Fiddle contest in June.

For more information or to order, visit www.fiddlegrams.net or call (208) 249-8632.

### Homedale woman loses weight, gains prizes as Biggest Loser

Though Marisa Vargas didn't win \$50,000 as the Biggest Loser does on television, she did win a variety of nice prizes for being Pick Up the Pace's Biggest Loser in a contest much like the television series.

Vargas lost 27.3 inches from her waistline and 30.5 total pounds in a three-month contest at the fitness center in Homedale. But Vargas said her biggest loss was her percentage of body fat, which totaled 3.2 percent.

"They were all so close," contest coordinator Tami Steinmetz said. "There are so many women who want to lose weight. We thought we would start a contest like the one on television to make a workout more fun."

NBC Television airs a weekly episode of the Biggest Loser.

Pick up the Pace is open 24

hours a day, seven days a week so the 25 contestants had many options to participate. Contestants worked out between three and six days a week.

"We had so many that were so close in loss," Steinmetz said. "It was Marisa's body weight that clinched her win."

Kim Waters won second place in amount of weight lost, ending the contest with 28.4 inches lost, 12.5 total pounds and 0.7 percent loss in body fat. Cari Mason lost 2.7 percent body fat, 23.2 inches and 24.5 total pounds. Wendy Vaughn lost 25.7 inches and 9 pounds.

Pick Up the Pace will begin another contest this month, and any member of the fitness center is invited to participate.

Vargas met her goal of losing 30 pounds. She said she plans

to participate in the next contest because she has a few more pounds she would like to shed.

Vargas won a night's stay at the Anniversary Inn in Boise. She said she plans to take her husband on the trip for his birthday. She also won a massage from Stacy Fisher at Rapha Therapeutic Massage of Homedale, a manicure and hair cut and style donated by Ooncies, a gift certificate for a shopping spree at a local department store, a body wrap donated by Steinmetz and a basket of goodies.

Waters, Mason and Vaughn will chose between a tan and a body wrap. Vaughn selected a wrap.

"It is fun to see the progress of everybody," Vaughn said. "It is competition, but we cheer everyone on. I am so glad (Vargas) won, and I am very proud of her.



Homedale winners Wendy Vaughn, left, and Marisa Vargas

"I mainly started coming here more to be healthy. Losing inches and weight are bonuses to being healthy. I just came into my 30s,

and I wanted to do something about the weight."

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### County drainage rainfall well above normal

The precipitation for the Owyhee drainage is well above normal and irrigators say a good water year is in store. Last week, precipitation levels rose to 160 percent of average for the Bruneau and Owyhee River drainages, which is good news, but has water official scrambling to release swelling reservoirs.

A good water year could mean farmers will have enough water for their crops, consumers will pay lower electric bills and recreationists will have more chances to enjoy water sports.

Most of the elevations above 6,000 feet are a month ahead of schedule, and some of the lower sites have already exceeded their April peak.

Officials said although most of the state looks good, some areas, such as eastern Idaho will need several years of normal precipitation to recover from a six year drought.

Before the snows hit, the soil was saturated and that will mean most of the snowmelt will not be sucked up in the soil but will run off into streams and rivers.

While more snow is good news, it also increases the chance of flooding. Water experts with the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers already have increased flows on the Boise River and from the Owyhee Reservoir to make room for spring runoff.

The heavy snowpack also means Idaho Power customers will have more access to cheap hydropowered electricity this year, according to a new projection issued last week.

When water levels are low, Idaho Power must buy electricity on the wholesale market and pass the extra costs on to consumers.

At the Reynolds Creek SNOTEL site, nearly two inches of new snow was recorded on Feb. 5 with a snow water equivalent of 2.8 inches. At South Mountain, levels rose from 47 inches to 50.8 inches Sunday morning and snow water equivalent rose nearly one inch over the last week. Mud Flat recorded 33.9 inches of snow on Jan. 31 and 35.6 inches of new powder by Monday morning.

Precipitation is not expected most of this week with a drying spell coming into the area. Temperatures are predicted to be in the upper 40s during the day and into the upper 20s at night.

#### Weather

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### Officials up water release at Owyhee

Recent rains and a wet January have again prompted water officials to increase water release from the Owyhee Reservoir last week.

Officials said they need to build a big enough cushion to contain a major runoff, if one occurs over the next several months.

Members of the Joint Board of the Owyhee project voted during a special meeting to boost the flows through the dam up to at least 2,300 cubic feet per second, with the opening of the third jet valve. Officials are also spilling water through the power plant at the foot of the dam and may also roll water over the glory hole spillway.

The river below the dam had been running at approximately 1,600 cfs, since the second valve was opened recently. Last week, the flow on the lower river was 2,401, according to United States Bureau of Reclamation Realtime data.

In last week's action, the board gave Owyhee Irrigation District Manager Jay Chamberlin authority to increase releases up to 6.000 cfs if conditions warrant. Since the drawdown began, the amount of storage has dropped over the past several days from a high of more than 604,000 acre feet to less than 597,000 acre feet. The board set a target of 565,000 acre-feet to lower the storage to, to provide a 150,000 acre-foot cushion. If the inflow into the reservoir reaches 12,000 cfs or the storage in the reservoir reaches 630,000 acrefeet, the Joint Board will meet again to consider its options.

To date, the watershed has received 14 inches of precipitation since Oct. 1 and there is seven inches of snow-water, according to the automatic measure sites.

In 2004, the reservoir contained less than 72,000 acre-feet in January, and the 30-year average is approximately 363,900 acrefeet.



#### Plentiful water

Water spills out of the Owyhee Reservoir through the Owyhee Dam on Sunday. With recent rains increasing the volume of water in the man-made lake, water officials increased flows into the Owyhee River. The amount of water stored in the reservoir peaked at 604,000 acre feet before the increased flows were approved. Photo by Mark Aman

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### GV Lions auction set for Feb. 18

The Grand View Lions Club has come up with the perfect way to celebrate its golden anniversary — by giving back to the community.

And why not mark a milestone by doing what you do best?

The Grand View Lions are gearing up for their annual fundraising auction, which takes place Feb. 18 inside the Grand View Elementary School auditorium.

Lunch will be served at noon before the bidding gets started at 1 p.m. There's also a raffle with top prizes including a 12-gauge shotgun and a barbecue grill.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The Baker Auction Co. will

conduct the auction. On the block will be items in several categories, including livestock, hay and straw, furniture, household products, petroleum products, cakes and pies and much more.

The money from the auction benefits the club's community service endeavors, which have been both historic and numerous during the past half-century.

"We would like to thank the communities of Bruneau, Oreana, Mountain Home, Grand View and all surrounding communities for their support that has helped us continue to be a club for 50 years," Lions treasurer Doug Thurman said.

Tom Bates and Grand View

Mayor Paul Spang are two charter members of the club who are still active in the Lions.

"We are always looking for new members," Thurman said. "This way, maybe we will be around another 50 years."

The Grand View Lions are responsible for many firsts in Grand View, such as putting in the first street lights and organizing the first fire department as well as helping finance construction of the helicopter landing pad in town.

The Lions supply the Sunday morning breakfast during Grand View Days, too.

Many of the Lions' projects have a sports theme. The group helped buy bleachers for Rimrock High School's football field. The Lions helped fill in the swamp that is now the Little League baseball diamond, and they paid for the sod on the baseball field and the building used to house the baseball equipment.

The Lions support the local 4-H club and still buy eyeglasses for needy children, perhaps the Lions Club's best-known endeavor.

Much of the money used for these efforts comes from the annual auction, and the Lions are always looking for donations to put up for bid.

For more information on donating an item or buying raffle tickets, call Thurman at (208) 834-2442.

#### Deadline nears for health classes

The University of Idaho Extension office is taking registration for two health classes for better living.

Today is the deadline to register for the Steps to a New You lifestyle classes, which will begin on Feb. 16.

Feb. 14 is the deadline to register for a diabetic class, Healthy Diabetes Plate, which will begin on Feb. 21.

Both classes will be held at the Canyon County Extension office at 501 Main Street in Caldwell.

Steps to a New You is a sixweek program that runs from Feb. 16 to March 23. A preassessment will be held on Feb. 10 with additional dates to be announced.

The class will cost \$25, which will cover a pedometer, notebook, journal and stretch band.

Healthy Diabetes Plate is a three-week program that focuses on teaching individuals how to successfully manage diabetes through healthy eating habits. The first class, "Why Control is Important," uses a pedometer and the Idaho Plate Method. The second class will be held on March 1 and includes a supermarket tour. The final class, which covers planning meals and identifying resources, will be held on March 8.

The cost is \$20 and covers class materials and a meal on March 8.

To register, call Joey Peutz at (208) 459-6003 or Marsha Lockard at the Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing at (208) 896-4104.

### Assessor plans tax reduction program meetings

The Owyhee County Assessor's office will hold property tax reduction program meetings in March and early April to assist county residents in the application process for the Circuit Breaker tax reduction program.

Assessor Brett Endicott said the program reduces property taxes for qualified applicants based on income from the previous calendar year. If a homeowner qualifies, property taxes on a home and up to one acre of land

may be reduced by as much as \$1,200.

Members of the assessor's office plan to meet at the senior citizens centers in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View over the next month to assist applicants in the process. Dates will be announced at a later time.

For residents who are homebound, Endicott said staff could travel to the persons home to assist in the process.

Call the Assessor's office for

more information at (208) 495- or motherless child younger than 2817. 18 years old, or a former prisoner

To qualify, a person must own and live in a home or mobile home in Idaho that served as a primary residence before April 15, 2006. Folks who lived in a care facility or nursing home may qualify and would need to contact the county assessor for information. Homeowners also must meet income guidelines of \$22,630 or less for 2005, and be 65 or older, widowed or blind or a fatherless

or motherless child younger than 18 years old, or a former prisoner of war or a hostage, a veteran or disabled.

Medical, dental and related expenses not reimbursed by insurance, medical insurance premiums, payment or prepayment of funeral expenses, farm, rental and/or business losses, early withdrawal penalties and alimony paid may be allowable deductible expenses.

— CAE

### USFW opens comment period for spotted frog pact

### Review window closes March 3

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announced the release of a proposed Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for the Columbian spotted frog at Sam Noble Springs, for public review and comment. The Service also released a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the proposed Agreement.

The State of Idaho (Idaho Department of Lands and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game) has developed the proposed CCAA in cooperation with the Service, and is applying for a section 10(a)1(A) permit under the Endangered Species Act (Act), authorizing incidental take of the species.

The agreement covers approximately 680 acres at Sam Noble Springs in the upper Rock Creek drainage in Owyhee County, and conservation measures are proposed for 104 acres. The term of

the Agreement would be 22 years.

"By implementing the proposed CCAA for the Columbia spotted frog, the State of Idaho may help ensure long-term protection of a candidate species by significantly reducing the risk of impacts to frog habitat, as well as improving spotted frog habitat," said Jeff Foss, Field Supervisor the Service's Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office. "This proposed Agreement would allow the State of Idaho and the Service to work cooperatively toward successful conservation of this species in the Owyhees."

Columbia spotted frogs at Sam Noble Springs is part of the Great Basin population of frogs that became a candidate for listing under ESA in 1993. Columbia spotted frogs in Idaho occur in Owyhee and Twin Falls Counties.

The proposed CCAA-enrolled lands are currently occupied year-round by Columbia spotted frogs. The springs at Sam Noble are affected by seasonal increases and decreases in flow due to

drought, snow pack, weather conditions, and water withdrawal. The species may be impacted by loss of habitat, including the loss of perennial wetlands used for feeding, breeding, hibernating, and migrating. Livestock grazing and water use in areas where frogs occur may contribute to habitat loss.

Conservation measures on the Sam Noble Springs parcel would include habitat improvement, livestock grazing management practices, and re-vegetation. Population and vegetation monitoring would also be conducted to assist the agencies in determining the effectiveness of the proposed Agreement.

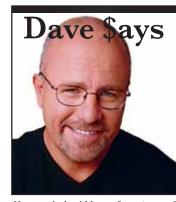
Under a CCAA, participating landowners voluntarily implement conservation activities on their property to benefit species that are proposed for listing under the Act or other sensitive species. These Agreements encourage private and other non-federal property owners to implement conservation efforts and reduce threats to unlisted species. In

return, the landowner receives assurances that they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions beyond those identified in the Agreement if the species is listed in the future under the Act.

The Service is soliciting public review and comments on the proposed CCAA and EA. Written comments should be received on or before close of business on March 3, 2006.

Comments may be submitted in writing to: Carmen Thomas, Project Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Room 368, Boise, Idaho 83709.

The proposed CCAA and EA are available for download at the Service's Snake River Fish and Wildlife website: http://idahoes.fws.gov. Copies of the documents will also be available for inspection, by appointment during normal business hours, at the above address. For further information, please contact Carmen Thomas at (208) 378-5243.



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## Looking back...

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

#### 50 years ago

#### **February 9, 1956**

#### Walt Tracy urges patrons to support school bond

A special school bond election on the question of building a new school building and improving present school facilities of Joint Class A school district No. 370 will be held this coming Monday, February 13, Polls will open at the Homedale high school auditorium at 1pm and will close at 8pm

To be eligible to vote patrons must be qualified electors of the district and must have been residents of the district for more than 30 days. They must be taxpayers or the wife or husband of a taxpayer.

In a letter to the Owyhee Chronicle, Walt Tracy, a longtime farmer and resident of the Homedale school district, urged that voters support the school board and the school system by approving the bond issue.

#### New police car arrives Saturday

AD. Stanley, Boise, discussed street oiling plans with the city council at its regular meeting Monday night.

Claims in the amount of \$5,436.93 were okayed by the council.

The new 1956 four door Chevrolet police car, purchased by the city arrived here Saturday. It is black with emblems reading city police on each front door. A red light has been ordered to put on top of the car.

A new 45 WD Allis-Chalmers tractor equipped with a loader the back hole has been purchased for maintenance duty in all city departments.

The street signs have been repainted for better visibility.

#### Polio benefit dance scheduled

An apron and overall dance, sponsored by local Basques, will be held at the "Y" hall Friday, February 24. Dancing will start at 9pm.

Both modern music and Basque music will be featured. Modern music will be supplied by Todd's orchestra and Basque music by Ray Mansisidor, Homedale, and Tony Galdos, Emmett.

Proceeds will be given to the Homedale polio fund. The public is invited.

Chorissos and coffee will be served by the Basques. Admission will be \$1.00 per person.

#### Large crowd attends civil defense, first aid meeting

Rear Admiral W. W. Specht, U.S.N., (Ret.) stated at the county-wide meeting Tuesday night at the high school that organization of a civil defense and disaster relief program is a job of inventorying people registered and assigned in the county in case of an emergency.

Its object is to maintain a strong national defense setup, with military and civilians working with and for one another.

Owyhee county is strategic because of highway 95, he declared. If a disaster should hit the coastal states, refugees would flock into the county over this highway, possibly doubling our population.

Due to this fact, a well organized program is necessary as an emergency measure to care for these people and minimize congestion.

With a strong county organization also, many disaster such as the recent floods, can be combated without calling on the state or national for assistance.

#### Trojans defeat Vikings as Uranga breaks 40-40 tie

The Trojans tightened their grip on the runner-up spot with a 42-40 decision over Middleton Friday night, on the opponents' home floor. The Vikings led in the first three quarters.

Guard Junior Uranga's field goal with only nine seconds remaining broke a 40-40 deadlock and gave Homedale the contest in the final stanza.

Jim Cunnington of the Middleton five had tied up the game a few second earlier. Lynn Taggart had 18 points for Homedale. Cunnington had 15.

#### 138 years ago

#### **February 8, 1868**

LOOKING TO THE PACIFIC. There were upwards of fifteen thousand more persons who came to the State seaward last year than left by steamers. At least 1,000 must have come over land, very few departing in the same way. Sixteen thousand persons is a comfortable gain to the population of the State. It is a great advance over the former year, when the gain from all sources of immigration could not have exceeded five thousand - and better yet as compared with 1865, when the loss was set down at 3,780. There are many indications that the accessions will be larger this year than last. Not the least of theses is, that more people are interested in this coast than ever before, excepting perhaps, during the height of the "gold fever." People are looking toward the Pacific in sober earnest. Prejudices have been dissipated, mischievous errors corrected and there is now more accurate knowledge concerning our resources than at any former period. The tendency of Californians to return to the States has often been deprecated. But somehow they don't stay there. It is unreasonable to suppose that at least one visit should not be made in a lifetime, to the old homestead. But for each Californian who is planning a visit eastward something like a half dozen of his friends are quietly arranging for a visit to this State.

Of course the Pacific Railroad has quickened this interest. The hearts of a multitude of people who have friends here follow this iron way. It is the great emigrant trial of modern times. A good railroad has never yet failed to centralize population. What will the Continental Railroad yet do in this respect for California? And what will the three roads yet to be built do for the whole coast? This growing public interest in all that pertains to this State is to be held as one of the most auspicious sings of future prosperity. There are towns to be built, roads to be constructed and fields to be sown and reaped by thousands who have not yet seen these shores, but whose interests have been so enlisted that they can work out their destiny no where else. *Bulletin*.

THE WIFE of the famous Ned Buntline died a few days ago in the poorhouse at Nashville, Tenn. She as a Cuban, named Marie Cordova, of exceeding beauty in her younger days and led a life of strange adventure; first, as a cigar girl in New Orleans, then the wife of the roving Ned, mistress of Ben McCullough, the Texan Ranger, resident of a Mexican convent for ten years, then a downward course which ended in poverty and a pauper's death.

JOHN B. GOUGH has accepted one hundred and sixtyeight invitations to lecture the present season, and will receive for his services \$33,000. Mr. Gough is now fifty years old, and resided at Boylston, near Worcester. When he commenced to lecture (in 1843) he received \$5 for a lecture, now he has \$200.

THE PREVAILING fine weather has brought out the Spring fights earlier than usual. Last Sunday, two fellows who had imbibed an average quantity of tangle-leg, concluded that they must decide who was the better man. They foamed at the mouth, pulled each other's hair, split a mall quantity of claret and were separated by the crowd, who to the number of a hundred soon gathered round.

A couple of days afterwards an altercation took place a short distance out of town, between a teamster, armed with a Pike County revolver, and a harmless Fenian, armed with a knife. The latter got rather the best of the encounter, and was making an effort to carve up the teamster, who not wishing to be dissected, took to his heels and made 2-40 time to town, escaping with no other injury than a slight cut on one of his thumbs and a few slits in his coat.

We also notice occasionally an hombre engaged in the less belligerent diversion of smashing windows, &c. Lively times, you bet!

MR. ROBERT DAVIDSON brought into our office the other day several stems of a plant in some respects

resembling hemp, which grows in the vicinity of Sinker and Catharine Creeks but with a fiber much finer, and possessing a greater degree of tension than either hemp of flax. The stem is enveloped in a thick covering of this fibrous material, is nearly half an inch in diameter at the bottom, grows to a height of four or five feet and is surmounted with pods two or three inches in length, inclosing small oblong red seeds which are winged like those of the dandelion or thistle, and when the pod bursts, are scattered broadcast by the wind. It is called silk-weed by some. If some one, possessing leisure and opportunity to experiment in such things, would take a matter in hand without a doubt its cultivation could be rendered profitable; for we see no reason why a superior article or cordage and cloth of fine texture and durability could not be manufactured from it.

A LIVELY SHOP. One of the liveliest and busiest places in town is Ed. Ayers' boot and shoe shop. We called in the other day and found shoemakers busy at work with their awls making and repairing soles; a watchmaker making gold thimbles, analyzing the contents of clocks and watches and experimenting on the time I would take an hour glass (not a whisky glass) to empty itself; a dentist at work boring holes in a young man's teeth and then filling them up again. There is also a geological department, where the book of nature is lid open and jaw breaking words explained. Finally, there is a menagerie of wild animals, one of the chief features of which is the "happy family," comprising a ferocious hut very intelligent dog, a cat with forty-nine stripes round its body and – a shoemaker, and, to cap the climax, a live Hoosier – all in one house. Pretty good indications of business; call in and see the show – free to everybody.

ELECTION. The following persons were elected officers of War Eagle Lodge, No. 3, I. O. GO. T., on Thursday evening, the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., to serve for the ensuing quarter: W. H. Van Slyke, W. C. T.: Mrs. E. Adams, W. V. T.; Thomas H. Smith, W. S.; John L. Martin, W. T.; Thomas H. Smith, W. S.; John L. martin, W. T.; David S. Meek, W. F. S.; Rob't McDaniel, W. M.; B. T. Miller, Chaplain; Johnson, W. I. G.

IN JUSTICE COURT. On Wednesday last John McMorrow, charged with assault and intent to kill R. T. Young, was examined before Justice Lyman and bound over to appear at the next term of the district court.

TELEGRAPH LINE. The increasing business of Idaho Territory urgently demands telegraphic communication with the outside world – its importance to business men of all classes can hardly be over estimated. Not a week passes without a number of dispatches being sent by mail or express to Unionville, and thence by telegraph to their destination. It is the same with Boise and Idaho Cities and Rocky Bar; from these places telegrams are expressed or mailed to Salt Lake. Several instances have come under our observation where parties, had they been in direct telegraphic communication with San Francisco or New York, might have saved or made hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Will not our mill men, merchants and other business men consider the matter and take it in hand? Compared with many other public enterprises now being vigorously prosecuted, it would be an easy matter to extend the line from its present terminus, in Humboldt, Nevada to this place, a distant of les than three hundred miles. It could then be extended to Boise City, and thence to all other places in the Territory that might be deemed expedient. Poles could be got from South Mountain to make the connection between this place and Humboldt. Were such an enterprise completed, it would not fail to pay a handsome interest on the necessary investment. There has been considerable said about the construction of a telegraph line from Portland up the Columbia to Umatilla, thence to Boise City; but so far as we have been able to learn, it is only talk. Idaho is decidedly behind her sister Territories in the way of telegraphic communication, which has been already extended to the principle places of importance in Montana.

### Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

sense

# On the edge of common



### Alpacas and chickens

She was an authentic animal lover.

Dee grew up on a western cattle ranch. After she moved away, her suburban neighborhood prevented her from raising cows. "They are so bulky," she said.

But her need to "shepherd" was not satisfied by dogs, cats or even a gerbil. One day she discovered alpacas. They are the Porsche of camelids compared to the Ford Explorer llama or the Humvee dromedary. Any good stockman can affirm that it is possible to develop an affection for a bum lamb or a good and faithful cow. So when I say she loved her alpacas, we livestock people understand that particular bond. But, I admit, I did not entirely grasp the depth of her animal husbandryness.

"Is that an alpaca wound?" I asked, pointing at the scratch on her hand.

"No," she said, as if what she was about to impart was as commonplace a response as "I fell" or "The rosebush got me."

"No," she said, "I got it bathing a chicken."

"I raise hens," she said nonchalantly, as if I could name three people in my entire circle of acquaintances who actually keep layers in their backyard.

"Do they get a bath every weekend, or just on special occasions?" I asked, beginning to question her true relationship with the animal kingdom.

"No, don't be silly. Etta, she's named after my aunt, was being picked on by the other hens and she'd quit laying. She was quite poopy."

I didn't ask for a definition of poopy, after all, I am a veterinarian.

"I tried brushing her, then I tried a nearly disastrous attempt with the steel nozzle of my vacuum cleaner. Finally I filled a bucket with warm water and stood her in it up to her neck."

"After some initial wing flapping she sort of relaxed, kicked back and had a good soak. I washed her affected areas with soap ..."

"You mean behind her wattles and under her wing pits?!" I asked, joking.

She laughed. "No, I toweled her off, dried her with the hair dryer, poofed her up and guess what? She laid an egg the next day!"

Dee looked at me and smiled sweetly. She had a tender heart.

"Out of appreciation for your loving care, I bet." I said, and I meant it.

Wayne Cornell

# Not important ... but possibly of interest



Back in the 1970s singer Paul Simon sang, "I've got a Nikon camera, I like to take photographs. Oh Mama don't take my Kodachrome away."

Back when Paul was singing his Kodachrome song, I had a Nikon camera. What made Nikons popular was the quality of the lenses and the fact that the cameras were nearly indestructible.

One day I was walking back to my car after taking a picture. I was carrying my Nikon by its shoulder strap, swinging it back and forth. As the camera swung to the farthest point it could swing in front of me, I let go of the strap. As the camera tumbled through the air, I thought to myself, "Why did I do that?"

The Nikon hit the gravel road and bounced several more times before coming to rest a good 10 feet from the point of first impact. I picked it up, dusted it off. There were a few new scratches on the body but everything still seemed to work. It was still working a couple of years later when I sold it.

I was out of serious photography for nearly 20 years. But when Daughter Number Two got married several years ago on the island of Maui, I decided it would be cheaper to take the photos myself. So I picked up a used Nikon (a whole lot cheaper than hiring a Hawaiian wedding photographer). The camera was a newer model than the one I threw down the gravel road, but it had that same indestructible feel. And the photos it produced were every bit as good as I had hoped.

Over the past several years I have acquired two more Nikons — both used. Some older guys restore classic cars they couldn't afford as teenagers. Some buy Harley-Davidson motorcycles. I collect cameras. Cameras are relatively cheap. You can put a lot of cameras in the space needed for a car or motorcycle.

One reason my Nikon cameras didn't cost much is film cameras are rapidly being replaced by digital cameras. Digital cameras have improved a great deal in the past five years. But even today, if you want a digital camera that can make pictures of the quality produced by decent film camera you might as well go after that '56 Chevy or a Harley Hog.

It wasn't unexpected — but disturbing nevertheless — when Nikon recently announced it is ceasing production of all film cameras except two — a very cheap made-in-China model and a very expensive professional unit. All other Nikon models will be digital. I suspect that within a couple of years the two film survivors will be gone, too.

In my humble opinion, today's digital cameras are like computers and cell phones. You buy one and six months later it is replaced with a newer, faster model. In two years (or less) if something goes wrong with the camera, it can't be fixed. Computer, cell phone and camera makers want you to buy new models, not fix old ones. We live in a disposable world.

The other day, I was in a photo store and picked up one of Nikon's digital models. It is made of plastic, not metal. Even the lens appeared to be something other than glass. It didn't feel like a serious photographic instrument. It felt ... cheap. I guarantee you that if I threw the digital model down a gravel road, there wouldn't be any reason to pick it up.

Although I put away my manual typewriter early in the personal computer revolution, I'm not planning to replace my heavy, magnesium alloy-bodied Nikons with a camera that looks and feels like it came from Toys 'R' Us.

Kodachrome film is gone now. My objective is to last as long as my "real" Nikons. Given the way those older cameras were built, the odds are against me.

### Accuracy in Media

### Journalistic lowlight kicks off new 'Nightline'

Brian Ross has had a reputation at ABC News of being a first-rate investigative reporter. But his unfair attack on Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia for attending a judicial conference has not only damaged his own reputation but backfired in a big way. Thanks to the Federalist Society, which has explained in detail the circumstances surrounding Scalia's attendance at the conference, the American people now have a unique insight into the deceitful methods of a major news organization and its star "investigative reporter."

Ross did a Nightline report that took Scalia to task for not attending the swearing-in last September of Chief Justice John Roberts at the White House. Making Scalia out to be an unethical lout, ABC said that Scalia attended a conference in Colorado held by the Federalist Society, where he played tennis and went fishing, and rubbed elbows with unsavory characters. To make it seem as though Scalia was hiding something, he was shown on hidden camera hitting a tennis ball with his racket.

In fact, the ABC broadcast was a deliberate distortion of the facts.

I had recently given high marks to one of the first shows of the post-Ted Koppel Nightline. But this was the new Nightline at its worst. It had a little bit of everything: Guilt by association, lack of context, omission of key facts, inconsistent labeling, choice and presentation of interview subjects.

The story singled out Justices Scalia and Clarence Thomas, the most conservative members of the high court, for going to conferences hosted by outside groups and supposedly creating questions in the public mind about who might influence their opinions on the bench.

Near the end of the report, host Cynthia McFadden

asked, "Now, Brian, there's no evidence, is there, that any of these freebies have influenced any judge in rendering an opinion on the Supreme Court?" Ross said that "it isn't just Justice Scalia. Justices at all ends of the political spectrum take plenty of these trips to lots of nice places, all paid for by somebody else." But Ross never mentioned anything about this so-called "appearance" problem affecting any one of the liberal justices until then, and he did not name any.

He could have done reports on how liberal justices like former ACLU general counsel Ruth Bader Ginsburg have attended judicial conferences in Europe and have come away with a strange view of how foreign law should guide them in interpreting the U.S. Constitution. Like Scalia, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito have both categorically rejected this approach to deciding cases in U.S. courts.

Despite the hidden camera, innuendo and implication, there was nothing unethical or improper in Scalia attending this conference in Colorado, and no complaints were presented from those who heard his presentation at the legal seminar. And that, not tennis or fishing, was the main purpose of the trip.

As noted by Brit Hume of Fox News, himself a former reporter for ABC News, "The [Brian Ross] report mentioned only in passing that Scalia taught a legal seminar while on the trip, then quoted at some length New York University Law professor Stephen Gillers, who said the whole thing was unethical. While Nightline identified the Federalist Society as conservative, it characterized Gillers only as an ethics expert. In fact, Gillers is a left-wing Scalia critic

### Commentary

# Letter to the editor

### State legislators must take interest in senior meals

This is a letter that was sent to state Sen. Tom Gannon (R-Buhl) and Reps. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and Frances Field (R-Grand View) of District 23. A copy also was mailed to The Owyhee Avalanche.

--Ed

This open letter to my three elected representatives is based on the assumption that all of you keep abreast of current events in the state and have the Owyhee Avalanche of Jan. 25, as well as watch TV and read other statewide newspapers.

As such, you are aware of the current problem receiving news coverage on the funding of the Senior Citizen Lunch Program. I have to say that I find it of more than passing curiosity that at a time when our nation can come up with emergency funding for the Iraq War of some \$30 billion, that our state can generate a \$50 billion surplus and that the private sector can spend over \$100 billion a year on professional sorts, that we as a state cannot fund a measly \$3 lunch for those elderly citizens who, when it was their turn at bat, worked hard, raised families, paid their taxes and helped make this great state what it is today.

I have eaten lunch at the Marsing and Nampa senior citizen centers and have to compliment the staff of the excellent meals, especially the roast beef lunch in Marsing. I would suggest that if you, the elected officials representing these senior citizens, have never taken a meal at any of these centers that you should do so, if for no other reason than as an exercise of your legislative investigative duty.

I would respectfully request of each of you your stand on this issue as well as what you intend to do about it. A failure to respond will be taken as an intent to do nothing about it.

Dr. Ray Heidt Marsing

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The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

Our policy is that locally written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed and include the writer's address and a daytime phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.

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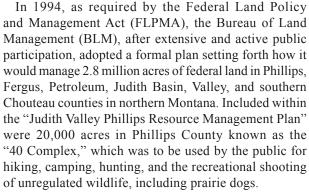
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### Summary Judgment

### High court rulings don't deter judges



About that time, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) decided to introduce black-footed ferrets, which are protected by the Endangered Species Act, into the 40 Complex. In 1999, at the urging of the FWS, the BLM, without notice or opportunity for public comment, summarily closed the 40 Complex to the "discharge or use of firearms" because "[t]he prairie dog colony provides prey base and habitat for the survival of the ferrets."

Recreational hunters in Montana believed the BLM's closure of the 40 Complex violated FLPMA's requirements for public participation in land management decisions; in September 2001, they filed a lawsuit challenging the closure order.

Meanwhile, the FWS convinced the Montana State Legislature to remove the 40 Complex from the hunting of unregulated wildlife. Thereupon, the BLM lifted its closure order and moved to dismiss the lawsuit, while defending the legality of its original order and its authority to reissue it should Montana restore hunting in the 40 Complex. In September 2004, the District of Columbia federal district court granted the BLM's motion to dismiss the lawsuit as moot.

Before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, the Montana hunters argued that the case was not moot because the BLM had maintained that it could reissue the closure order. Furthermore, they argued, the U.S. Supreme Court had held that the voluntary cessation of illegal activity does not moot a case unless the defendant proves that his illegal conduct would not recur.

Nonetheless, a three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit upheld the dismissal of the lawsuit because the Montana hunters had failed to prove that it was "virtually certain" that the BLM would reissue its closure order. As to the Supreme Court's ruling, the panel held that, although the test for mootness advocated by the Montana hunters applies against private individuals and entities, it does not apply against the federal government!

The Montana hunters urged the entire D.C. Circuit to rehear the case because the panel's ruling conflicted with two Jan. 12, 2000, Supreme Court rulings. That day, the Court ruled a lawsuit filed by environmental groups was not moot even though the corporate defendant had ended its illegal activity unless the corporation proved it was "absolutely clear that [its] allegedly wrongful behavior could not reasonably be expected to recur." Next, in a case in which the federal government was the defendant, a unanimous Court used the same test; the case was not moot unless federal officials successfully shouldered the "heavy burden of persuading the court that the challenged conduct cannot reasonably be expected to start up again."

Nevertheless, the D.C. Circuit declined to rehear the case

The D.C. Circuit is not alone. The Seventh Circuit declared that the Supreme Court's ruling is not "the view we have taken toward acts of voluntary cessation by government officials. Rather, when defendants are public officials. we place greater stock in their acts of self-correction."

Likewise, the Sixth Circuit held: "[W]e have noted that 'cessation of the allegedly illegal conduct by government officials has been treated with more solicitude by the courts than similar action by private parties.'"

Ninety-nine percent of cases seeking Supreme Court review are denied; that fate likely awaits the Montana hunters. No wonder too many courts of appeals judges believe they can thumb their noses at binding Supreme Court precedent.

— William Perry Pendley is president and chief legal officer for the Mountain States Legal Foundation in Lakewood, Colo.

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who once described the prospect of Republican control of both the White House and Congress as a 'nightmare.' As for Scalia, that seminar he taught in Colorado was a 10-hour course for more than 100 lawyers and law students, open to members and non-members of the Federalist Society. He received no fee for it."

Not only that, but Scalia had long been committed to teaching the seminar, while the timing of the Roberts swearing-in was not known far in advance.

The Federalist Society had explained this to Nightline, and in a letter after the show, it compared the Brian Ross report to CBS's Memogate story because of its deceptive nature. The group said that "Rather than taking a recreational trip with hours of tennis and going fly-fishing, as ABC would have its viewers believe, Justice Scalia was honoring an agreement made nearly a year in advance with the Federalist Society to teach a serious scholarly program to more than 100 lawyers from 38 states that required considerable work and advance preparation.

Prior to the course, Justice Scalia produced a 481-page course book that attendees were expected to review in advance. The course was approved by at least 30 state bars for most of the attending lawyers' continuing

education requirements. Justice Scalia was there to share his knowledge and experience and received only reimbursement for travel and lodging."

Ross had reported that ABC spotted Scalia "speaking and socializing with members of the group that paid the expenses for his trip," as if he had been caught doing something wrong. Even more damaging, Ross said that Scalia, while on this "Judicial Junket," had "attended scheduled cocktail receptions, one of which was sponsored in part by the same lobbying and law firm where convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff once worked."

That was guilt by association taken to a ridiculous and illogical extreme.

Willing to go to an ideological extreme as well, Ross featured more sound bites from Steven Gillers, the left-wing law professor at New York University and so-called "recognized scholar on legal ethics." Nothing was said about his left-wing bent, although a Google search easily finds his articles in Nation magazine, and a New York Times op-ed piece urging John Kerry to pick Bill Clinton as his running mate in 2004. It's no wonder he has it in for the conservative Scalia.

His bias was as easily identifiable as that of ABC in putting him on the air in its hit piece on Scalia.

Nightline has shot itself in the foot with this laughable report. Bring back Ted Koppel.

— Roger Aronoff is a media analyst with Accuracy in Media



# Public notices

#### **FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION 05-43**

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS OF Owyhee County that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law).

It is the policy of Owyhee County to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. Therefore, the County does hereby pass the following Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the county will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by providing information regarding the filing of a compliant with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

SAID PROGRAM will at a minimum include: 1) printing and publicizing of this policy and other applicable fair housing information through local media an community contacts; 2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means that will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing; and 3) prepare an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice and actions to mitigate such impediments.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect 1-11-06 /s/Harold Tolmie Chief Elected Official Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn 2/8/06

#### RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN (Under Section 104(d) of the **Housing and Community** Development Act of 1974, as amended)

Owyhee County will replace all occupied and vacant occupied lowand moderate income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate income housing in connection with an activity assisted with funds provided under the housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, as described in 24 CFR 570.60(b) through (g).

All replacement housing will be provided within three (3) years after the commencement of the demolition or conversion. Before entering into a contract committing Owyhee County to provide funds for an activity that

will directly result in demolition or conversion, Owyhee County will make public by publication in newspaper of general circulation and submit to the Idaho Department of Commerce the following information in writing:

- A description of the proposed assisted activity.
- The location on a map and number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as low/ moderate income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activities.
- A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion.
- The location on a map and the number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units. If such data is not available at the time of the general submission, Owyhee County will identify the general location on an area map and the approximate number of dwelling units by size and provide information identifying the specific location and number of dwelling units by size as soon as it is
- The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of the replacement dwelling units.
- The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a low/moderate income dwelling unit for at least ten (10) years from the date of initial occupancy.
- Information demonstrating that any proposed replacement of dwelling units with smaller dwelling units (e.g., a two-bedroom unit with two one-bedroom units) is consistent with the housing needs of lower income households in the jurisdiction.

Owyhee County, (208) 495-2421, is responsible for tracking the replacement of housing and ensuring it is provided within the required period.

Owyhee County, (208) 495-2421, is responsible for ensuring requirements are met for notification and provision of relocation assistance, as described in CFR 570.606(b) through (g), to any lower income person displaced by the demolition of any dwelling unit or the conversion of a low/moderate income dwelling unit to another use in connection with an assisted activity.

Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, Owyhee County will take the following steps to minimize the displacement of persons from their homes.

- 1. Coordinate code enforcement with rehabilitation and housing assistance programs.
- Evaluate housing codes and rehabilitation standards in reinvestment areas to prevent placing undue financial burden on longestablished owners or tenants of multi-family buildings.
- Stage rehabilitation of apartment units to allow tenants to remain during

and after rehabilitation by working on empty units or buildings first.

- Establish facilities to house persons who must be relocated temporarily during rehabilitation.
- Adopt public policies to identify and mitigate displacement resulting from intensive public investment in neighborhoods.
- Adopt policies that provide reasonable protection for tenants faced with conversion to a condominium or cooperative.
- Adopt tax assessment policies (such as deferred tax payment plans) to reduce impact of rapidly increasing assessments on lower income owneroccupants or tenants in revitalizing areas.
- Establish counseling centers to provide homeowners and renters with information on the assistance available to help them remain in their neighborhood in the face of revitalization pressures.

The jurisdiction should include one or more of the above to implement the planning for minimizing the direct and indirect displacement of persons from their homes.)

Owyhee County hereby certifies it has officially adopted and published said Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. This plan shall become effective 1-11-06

/s/Harold Tolmie Chief Elected Official Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn 2/8/06

#### **COMBINED NOTICE** ON NONDISCRIMINATION & GRIEVANCE **PROCEDURES**

As required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (as amended) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Owyhee County has adopted by resolution a policy regarding NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY.

Owyhee County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to, access to, or operations of programs, services, or activities.

Qualified individuals who need accessible communication aids and services or other accommodations to participate in programs and activities are invited to make your needs and preferences known to the 504/ADA Coordinator. Please give us at least a three to five day advance notice so we can adequately meet your needs.

An internal grievance procedure is available to resolve complaints. Questions, concerns, or requests for additional information regarding 504/ADA should be forwarded to:

504/ADA Coordinators Name: Charlotte Sherburn, County Clerk, PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, 208-495-2421, Monday-Friday, 8:30-5pm.

Upon request this notice is available in alternative formats (for example, large print, or audio tape) from the 504/ADA Coordinator.

Adopted: December 27, 2005

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 2-10299

MARGARET SCOTT PO BOX 715

MERIDIAN ID 83680 ROBERT SCOTT PO BOX 715 MERIDIAN ID 83680 Point(s) of Diversion L7 (NWSE) S18 T03N R04W ÓWYHEE County Source SNAKE RIVER Tributary To COLUMBIA RIVER Point(s) of Diversion L7 (NWSE) S18 T03N **ROAW OWYHEE County** Source GROUND WATER Tributary To SNAKE RIVER Use: IRŘIGATION 03/01 To 0.15 CFS 11/15 Total Diversion: 0.15 CFS Date Filed: 12/16/2005 Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T03N R04W S18 NWSE Lot 7 SWSE Lot 7 Number of Acres 5

Remark: Applicant agrees to mitigate consumptive use in the future as needed.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 02/21/2006. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J DREHER, Director

NOTICE OF SALE **CASE NO. CV-05-5205M** IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF **OWYHEE** 

WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

DAVID FREEMAN and VIRGINIA L. FREEMAN, husband and RISK MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES, INC.; a Delaware corporation; COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF OWYHEE COUNTY; and DOES 1-10 as individuals with an interest in the real property described as:

That part of NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows

BEGINNING at a point in the North boundary line of said NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 which point is 376 feet East of the Northwest corner of said NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4; thence

South on a line parallel with the West boundary line of said NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 463.5 feet; thence

West on a line parallel with the North boundary of the said NE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the SE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> a distance of 188 feet; thence

North on a line parallel with the West boundary line of the said NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  a distance of 463.5 feet, more or less, to the North boundary line of the said NE ¼ of the SE ¼ a distance of 188 feet, more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

And commonly known as Route One, Box 777, Marsing, Idaho, 83639.

Together with right, title and interest in the 1998 Goldenwest Manufactured Home, Serial Number GW0R23N20059AB located in the real property described above,

Defendants

Under and by virtue of an Order for Sale of Foreclosure entered on January 17, 2006 and Writ of Execution issued on January 12, 2006 out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on the 17th day of January, 2006, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and

The property directed to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to-wit:

That part of NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the North boundary line of said NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 which point is 376 feet East of the Northwest corner of said NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4; thence

South on a line parallel with the West boundary line of said NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 463.5 feet; thence

West on a line parallel with the North boundary of the said NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 188 feet; thence

North on a line parallel with the West boundary line of the said NE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the SE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> a distance of 463.5 feet, more or less, to the North boundary line of the said NE 1/4 of the SE ¼ a distance of 188 feet, more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

And commonly known as Route One, Box 777, Marsing,

Together with right, title and interest in the 1998 Goldenwest Manufactured Home, Serial Number GW0R23N20059AB located in the real property described above,

NOTICE IS HÉREBY GIVEN that on the 23red day of February, 2006 at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m., at the location of Owyhee County Courthouse Murphy, Idaho, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure as set out in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money. The time period for redemption of the above property is six (6) months from the date of sale herein.

The Sheriff, by a Certificate of Sale, will transfer right, title and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property. The Sheriff will also give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continue possessory right to the purchaser.

DATED This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2006.

GARY AMAN, OWYHEE COUNTY SHERIFF

By: /s/ Richard Freund, Deputy Sheriff

Lance E. Olsen/ ISB #7106 Derrick J. O'Neill/ ISB #4021 ROUTH CRABTREE

225 North 9th St., Ste 800 Boise, ID 83701 Phone: 208-489-3035 Fax: 208-331-1529 2/8,15,22/06

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#### **AMENDED TRUSTEES** NOTICE OF SALE LOAN NO. 0432117174

T.S No. 1075702-09 Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Thomas W. Driscoll and Lois Hart-Driscoll, husband and wife as grantor(s) to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp as trustee, in favor of North American Mortgage Company as beneficiary, recorded April 04, 2000 as no. 231950 in book xx, page xx, in the official records of Owyhee County, Idaho, covering the following-described real property situated in said county and state, to wit: A portion of East one-half of the Northeast quarter Northwest quarter, section 9, township 3 North, range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the North quarter corner of Section 9, aforesaid; thence South 1°01' East, 635.11 feet to a point; thence North 89°54' West, 267.58 feet. to the Northwest corner of the Fry Subdivision in section 9, the true point of beginning; thence continuing North 89°54' West, 400.0 feet to a point; thence South 681.5 feet, more or less, to the Southwest corner of the East onehalf of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, section 9; thence East 675 feet, more or less, to the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, section 9; thence North 0°01' West, 276.4 feet, more or less, toe the Southeast corner of Fry Subdivision in section 9; thence North 89°54' West, 272.41 feet to a point; thence North 0°20' West, 405.0 feet to the True Point of Beginning. Save and except therefrom: A portion of East onehalf of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, section 9, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the North quarter corner of section 9, aforesaid; thence South 1°01' East, 635.11 feet to a point; thence North 89°54' West, 267.58 feet to the Northwest corner of the Fry Subdivision in section 9; thence true point of beginning; thence continuing North 89°54' West, 400.00 feet to a point; thence South 581.5 feet, more or less, to a point 100.00 feet North of the South 581.5 feet, more or less, to a point 100.00 feet North of the South boundary of Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, section 9; thence East 403.4 feet parallel to the South boundary of Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, section 9, to a point to the West boundary of Fourth Street West extended; thence North 0°20' West along the West boundary of Fourth Street West extended and Fourth Street West 580.8 feet, more or less, the true point of beginning. Also save and excepting therefrom: A part of Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, section 9, township 3 North, range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, more particularly described to-wit: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, section 9, township 3 North, range 5 West. Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 89°52'14" East 943.48 feet, along the South line of Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter to the initial point of this description which is North 89°52'14" West, 100 feet from the Intersection of the West side of Fourth Street West extended with the said South line of Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter; thence North 0°20' West, 100 feet, along a line parallel to the said West side of Fourth Street West extended; thence North 89°52'14" West, 295.49 feet, along a line parallel to the South line of Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter; thence South 0°12'08" East (formerly of record South 0°22'08" East) 100 feet; thence South 89°52'14" East, 295.74 feet to the initial point of this description. Also save and excepting therefrom: a part of Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, section 9, township 3 North, range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described towit: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, section 9, township 3 North, range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 89°46'40" East, 943.36 feet, along the South line of Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter to the initial point of this description; thence continue North 89°46'40" East, 100.00 feet, to a pint on the West line of Fourth Street West extended; thence North 0°38'50" West, 100.59 feet (formerly of record North 0°20' West, 100.59 feet (formerly of record North 0°20' West, 100.00 feet) along the said West line of Fourth Street West Extended; thence South 89°45'20" West, 100.00 feet; thence South 0°38'50" East, 100.55 feet (formerly of record South 0°20' East 100.00 feet), parallel to the said West line of Fourth Street West, to the initial point of this description; thence continue North 89°46'40" East, 100.00 feet, to a point on the West line of Fourth Street West Extended; thence North 0°38'50" West, 100.59 (formerly of record North 0°20" West, 100.00 feet) along the said West line of Fourth Street West Extended; thence South 89°45'20" West, 100.00 feet; thence South 0°38'50" East, 100.55 feet (formerly of record South 0°20' East 100.00 feet), parallel to the said West line of Fourth Street West, to the initial point of this description. Also save and excepting therefrom: A parcel of land being a portion of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of section 9, township 3 North, range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found brass cap marking the North quarter corner of said section 9, township 3 North, range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 00°05'17" East, 1040.89 feet along the Easterly boundary of said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter section 9 to a found ½" iron pin marking the Southeast corner of Fry Subdivision as recorded in Instrument No. 108607, Records of Owyhee County, Idaho, said point lying on the Southerly boundary of Utah Avenue and marking the point of beginning; thence North 89°13'47" West 273.26 feet along the Southerly boundary of said Fry Subdivision, and along the Southerly boundary of Utah Avenue to a found ½" iron pin marking the Southwest corner of said Fry Subdivision; thence South 00°22'05" West, 92.00 feet along the Westerly right-of-way of Fourth Street West extended to a set 5/8" iron pin; thence South 89°13'47" East 273.99 feet parallel to the Southerly boundary of said Fry Subdivision to a point lying on the Easterly boundary of said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of section 9, and to a set 5/8" Iron pin; thence North 00°05'17" West 92.01 feet

along the Easterly boundary of R E C O N V E Y A N C E said Northeast quarter of the CORPORATION P.O. BOX said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of section 9 to the point of beginning. And also save and excepting therefrom any portion thereof lying West of the West boundary of said Fourth Street extended. Commonly known as: 401 South Fourth Street West Homedale ID 83628-3140 There is a default by the grantor(s) or other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, or by their successor in interest; The default is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due February 1, 2005 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. Monthly Payment \$796.98 Monthly Late Charge \$39.85 By reason of said default, the beneficiary or the beneficiary's successor in interest has declared all obligations secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following: \$84,865.11 with interest thereon at the rate of 9.875% per annum, from January 01, 2005, until paid, plus monthly late charges of \$39.85 each, beginning February 01, 2005 until paid; together with title expenses, costs, trustee's fees and attorneys fees incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by the beneficiary or the beneficiary's successor in interest for protection of the abovedescribed real property and its interest in it. The beneficiary and trustee or their successors in interest, have elected and do hereby elect to cause the property to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and the expenses of the sale, including the compensations of the trustee or successor trustee and the reasonable attorneys fees incurred. The Original Notice of Sale given pursuant thereto stated that the property would be sold on September 20, 2005 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard of Time, at In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650 in the City of Murphy County of Owyhee Štate of Idaho; however subsequent to the recording of said Notice of Default the original sale proceedings were stayed by order of the Court or by proceedings under the National Bankruptcy Act or for other lawful reasons. The beneficiary did not participate in obtaining such stay. Said stay was terminated on December 17, 2005 Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on February 28, 2006 at the hour of 11:00 AM Standard of Time, at In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650 City of Murphy County of Owyhee State of Idaho, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Dated: January 23, 2006 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE

INSURANCE COMPANY,

Trustee C/O CAL-WESTERN

22004 EL CAJON CA 92022-9004 (619) 590-9200 Signature/ by: Marisa Herrera, Asst. Sec R-

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#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS NO. 06-00308

#### DOC ID #000680015872005N TITLE ORDER NO. 6610002 PARCEL NO.

RPA0080001002A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, on 05/24/2006 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 09/17/2004 as Instrument Number 249263, and executed by LOUISE E DILLON, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Grantor(s), in favor of "MERS" MORTGAGE **ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION** SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho: LOT 2 OF BLOCK 1 OF PONDEROSA ADDITION, H O M E D A L E OWYHEE COUNTY IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 404 WEST COLORADO AVENUE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 05/01/2005 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 7.990% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$55,690.63, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/ or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS

FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 02/07/2006 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: ReconTrust Company, N.A. 177 Countrywide Way, LAN2-88 Lancaster, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 Rahmi Bernaldez, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 753312 2/8,15,22;3/1/06

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

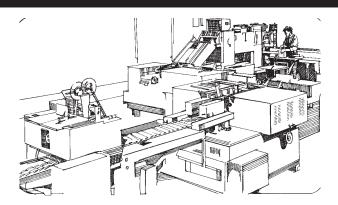
Petitioner's mother has died, and in addition to Petitioner and his siblings, her closest blood relative is Elvie Thomas, P. O. Box 876, Homedale, Idaho 83628

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January,

Jan Fink, Deputy Clerk Dan C. Grober, ISB# 3511 17 E. Wyoming Ave. PO Box 325 Homedale, ID 83628 Phone (208) 337-4945 Fax (208) 337-4854 Attorney for Petitioner 1/18,25; 2/1,8/06





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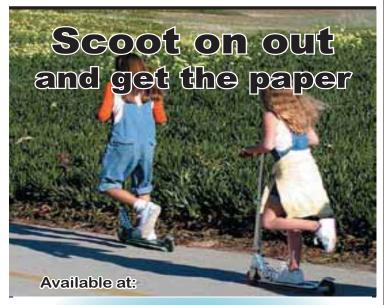
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SUMMONS CASE NO. CV-05-05293 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF **OWYHEE** 

SIMPLOT EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION,

Plaintiff,

RENE ARTEAGA-FARFAN, Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED <u>PLAINTIFF.</u> THE COURT MAY **ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST** YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION

TO: DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED: Rene Arteaga-Farfan YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the

A copy of the Compliant is served with this Summons. If vou wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

- The title and number of this case.
- If your response is an Answer to the Compliant, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Compliant and other defenses you may claim.
- Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
- Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

DATED this 21st day of November, 2005.

CHARLOTTE SHERBURN, Clerk of the Third Judicial District

By: Lena Johnson, Deputy

Stanley J. Tharp, ISB# 3883 EBERLE, BERLIN, KADING, TURNBOW, MCKĹVEEN & JONES, CHARTERED 300 N. Sixth St. PO Box 1368 Boise, ID 83701 Phone (208) 344-8535

Fax (208) 344-8542 Email: stharp@eberle.com Attorneys for Plaintiff 2/1,8,15,22/06

NOTICE TO CREDITORS PROBATE CASE NO. CV-06-05362

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL **DISTRICT OF THE** STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF **OWYHEE** 

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF JULIO GAVIOLA and EVELYN FLORENCE GAVIOLA, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedents. All persons having claims against the decedents or their estates are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of Notice or said claims will be forever

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 24th day of January,

/s/RAYMOND C. GAVIOLA

c/o Charles W. Fawcett Skinner Fawcett PO Box 700 Boise, ID 83701 (208) 345-2663 2/1,8,15/06

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On 5/15/2006, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, in the lobby, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, off Hwy 78, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, on behalf of PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, as the Successor Trustee; will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 3, Bruneau Townsite, as the same appear on the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho.

For purposes of compliance

with Idaho Code 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 32524 Belle Avenue, Bruneau, ID 83604 may sometimes be associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ANTHONY EUGENE WILLIS, A SINGLE MAN to PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of BOYD CAMPBELL as Beneficiaries; and Deed of Trust having been recorded on 8-30-2002 as Instrument No. 240763, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The above Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506 (4) (a). No representation is made that they are or are not presently responsible for this obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made the failure of the Grantors to: 1.) make monthly installments as set forth on the Deed of Trust Note secured by said Deed of Trust. 2.) pay at least ten days before delinquency all taxes ad assessments affecting said property. 3.) provide, maintain and deliver to the beneficiary fire insurance satisfactory to and with the loss payable to Beneficiary. The original loan amount was \$77,000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 7% per annum as evidenced by the note dated 8/27/2002. The monthly installment in the amount of \$692.10 plus \$3.00 (the monthly long-term escrow handling fee) is due for 10-1-2005 and on the first day of each and every month thereafter until such default is cured and until 9-1-2017 at which date the entire remaining principal balance and accrued interest are due and payable in full. All amounts are now due and payable along with all costs and fees associated with this foreclosure, including, but not limited to, attorney fees, trustee costs and fees, property insurance and county property taxes, together with any and all assessments, penalties and interest; for the purpose of protecting the beneficial interest of the Beneficiary. The principal balance is \$67,438.03 plus accruing interest, costs and fees.

DATED 1-13-2006 PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC

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We would like to thank all those that sent cards & flowers and a special thank you to the Owyhee Health & Rehab for the care and help they gave our dad & grandfather. The family of Lorance Mitchell

Thank you to all who attended John's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration while he is in the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was especially elated to see the fireman in a group. Thank you. Kathryn Matteson, Janice Matteson-Howell, Bret Howell, Jack & Ralph Matteson and families

The Family of Stub Stanford wishes to thank all who attended and helped with Stubs' memorial service, the food, flowers, cards & donations. Everything was so very appreciated.

Thank you Marsing Ladies. Helen Falen passed away July 7, 2005. The family wants to thank the Marsing Ladies who helped with a memorial luncheon in Marsing. Ruby Keister, Laura Bowman, Betty Floyd, Shirley Gibbens, Ruth Davis, Judy Malmberg, Julie Grant, Glenadene Keister, Bertha Weygandt, Betty White, Nina Collett, Eloise Ward, Eleanor Howard, Jeannette Grable, Stephanie Kincheloe, Letty Percifield, Dot Salove, Helen Floyd, Margaret Meininger, Lucille Robbins. Mother truly cherished the many friends she made over the years in the Marsing area. Russell Falen, Judy Falen Sawser

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