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Assessments up, taxes down in county

**Owyhee pulls in \$1.5 million less in 2006;
property values rise nearly 13 percent**

Owyhee County's 2006 tax receipts were down more than 25 percent from the previous year despite an increase in the

county's property assessments over the same period.

According to information provided

by the State Tax Commission, the total amount for property taxes collected in Owyhee County last year was \$4,278,230, or \$1,483,554 less than 2005.

At the same time, the county's combined assessed valuation rose 12.8 percent, from more than \$408 million in 2005 to more

than \$460 million last year.

Even with the rise in property values, the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho organization reported that the average tax rate per \$100 of assessed value fell in 2006. One

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Busy weekend in Owyhee



Cattlemen's, auction take center stage

Above: Bruneau's Celia Tindall, right, accepted the Idaho Cattlemen's Association Cattlegirl of the Year award from Cattlegirls' chair Sara Baker during the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting in Oreana on Saturday. Photo by Mary Huff. For more on the meeting, see Page 11A. Right: Sue Floyd, right, tends to donuts as Renita Ineck bags some of the fresh treats at the Marsing Disaster Auction on Saturday morning.



Plenty of leads, no ID in Snake River Mart robbery



Robbery suspect

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has been steadily following leads in the search for the suspect in an armed robbery at Marsing's Snake River Mart on Jan. 23.

No positive identification has been made on the suspect, whose actions were caught on surveillance video, and no arrests have been made in the case.

But, according to Owyhee County

Sheriff's Sgt. Jim Bish, numerous calls from the public have helped sheriff's deputies narrow their investigation.

Despite the lack of an identified suspect, Bish said the public's help is more than welcome.

"We're getting a lot of good, positive response, people calling what they see, what they've heard," Bish said. "It all helps. We can either pursue it (a lead) or clear the information. It's

working really well. We just appreciate the calls."

Bish said the office worked non-stop for the first three days after the robbery, following up on possible leads in the case.

"We went for three days straight and that's all we did, going from lead to lead to lead," Bish said. "You can't imagine

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Smorgasbord adds another chapter Saturday



Final week's top sellers recognized

The last four Homedale Middle School sixth-graders cited for their International Smorgasbord ticket-selling prowess included, from left to right, Heather Romriell, Erin Shenk, Shelby Criffield and Curtis Aspen.

Pre-sale raises thousands

The final batch of top ticket-sellers for the 47th annual International Smorgasbord were honored Friday.

Event chair Jeff Hansen and co-chair Dwayne Fisher distributed weekly and overall prizes Friday afternoon at Homedale Middle School.

The Smorgasbord starts at 11 a.m. Saturday at Homedale Elementary School.

Sixth-graders at HMS raised \$5,852 during their five-week ticket-selling campaign, which ended last week. Tickets still will be available at the door Saturday.

Heather Romriell, a student in Arlene's Eidemiller's class, earned \$50 as the ticket drive's overall top seller.

She sold \$545 worth of tickets in Week 5 to end the span with a total sale of \$1,281.

Romriell's efforts pushed Eidemiller's students to the class championship. Those

sixth-graders raised \$2,121 to win the top prize of a pizza party and a bowling party at Owyhee Lanes.

Erin Shenk of Pat Warren's class raised the second-highest amount, pulling in \$616 and earning a \$30 prize. She also was the top seller from Warren's class for Week 5 with \$169 in ticket sales.

Hayden Krzesnik of David Hann's class sold \$500 in tickets to earn \$20 as the third-best ticket-seller for the competition.

Rounding out the Week 5 ticket sales, in which students raked in more than \$2,500, were Shelby Criffield of Hann's class (\$139) and Curtis Aspen from Lesa Folwell's class (\$84).

The weekly winners earned a Subway sandwich restaurant gift card, food, bowling and shoe rental from Owyhee Lanes and a gift card redeemable at the school store.

Literally truckloads of food are being prepared this week for the 47th annual International Smorgasbord at Homedale Elementary School.

This year's event, themed "Growing Strong Students Through Community Support," runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Homedale Middle School sixth-graders have been selling tickets for the dinner, and cooks have been preparing menus for the fund-raiser. So far this year, middle school students have raised \$5,852 through ticket sales.

Ticket prices are \$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.

Organizers have said this year's proceeds will help in the school district's attempt to buy a state-of-the-art electronic message board that would be used to display school and community events.

According to chair Kelley Hansen, the preparations for the smorgasbord are many.

"Wednesday (today) starting about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, they are going to be preparing the chicken for the oriental chicken," Hansen said. "People come in and mix the coleslaw on Thursday afternoon. There will be three or four different salads."

As in years past, Hansen said there will be food booths representing America, Europe, Asia, Mexico and the Basque country as well as a beverage booth and dessert booth.

The American booth will feature smoked beef brisket and scalloped potatoes; the Asian booth will have teriyaki chicken and egg foo yung; the Basque booth will feature codfish with pimento and chorizo; the European booth will feature spaghetti.

Hansen said the list of volunteers for the event is as long as the menu.

"The (Homedale) firemen come in and do the scraping of



A glimpse of the early days

One of the early International Smorgasbords featured a Hawaiian-themed booth with — from left to right — Josie Johnson, Lydia Duncan and Donna Cook serving the fare. At the far left is Jacque Batt, the wife of future Idaho Gov. Phil Batt. Photo provided by Kelley Hansen

the dishes. People from local bars come into the kitchen and wash dishes. All three (Homedale School) principals help. All the teachers help make the salads for the salad booth. The (Homedale) FFA comes in and helps set up. Frontier Communications will help put the booths together. Mr. (Mike) Greeley's shop classes help carry things from the high school."

Hansen said Homedale High School art teacher Katie Belanger and middle school teacher Shannon Johnson will be facilitating a student art show.

There also will be a silent auction for themed homemade baskets. Middle School music teacher Barbie Vander Boegh, charged with coordinating the baskets, said there is a long list of different themes for this year's basket auction, several of which feature a Boise State theme.

Hansen said the event also will feature entertainment, coordinated by Luci Asumendi-Mereness from Homedale Middle School.

The event originated in 1961, to raise money for new uniforms for the high school marching band. It was brought to the attention of the Homedale PTA that one of Homedale's unique characteristics is cultural diversity. It was decided that a smorgasbord that featured

foods from the wide variety of cultures within the community would be ideal. The event would let the public sample original recipes from around the globe and raise money for the schools.

The first smorgasbord was held in the room that would later become the Homedale Elementary Library. Food was served on a line of tables. The event cost \$6.50 per family, \$2 per adult, \$1 for students and 50 cents for preschoolers.

In its first year, the smorgasbord raised approximately \$500, which was used to buy new band uniforms and a few library books. The following year, the event brought in over twice that much, at approximately \$1,100.

Over the years, proceeds from the event have purchased more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of instructional materials and equipment for students attending the elementary school, the middle school and Homedale High School. Last year, the smorgasbord committee was able to give the schools more than \$10,000.

For more information about the Smorgasbord, call Hansen at 482-6922 or contact any Homedale school.

— JWB

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‘These kids deserve to be there.’

Trojans trio lands prestigious gig

HHS students selected for 2007 BSU Honor Band

When the baton was raised Saturday night at the Morrison Center, two Homedale High School music veterans and one rookie sat poised to fulfill their potential.

Seniors Scott Thatcher, who plays the tuba, and Chanda Cox and sophomore Kelsey Thatcher, both of whom play clarinet, earned spots on this year’s Boise State University Honor Band.

First-year Homedale music director Karla Kachelmier nominated the Trojans trio, who then passed auditions.

“I nominated several of our kids based on their skills, practice habits, attitude and degree of commitment to our program,” she said.

“Homedale’s music department may be short of numbers at this time, but we are certainly not short of talent. The work ethics of our three participating students are to be commended. These kids deserve to be there.”

For Scott Thatcher and Cox, Saturday’s performance was old hat. Cox, an 18-year-old senior, has been selected to the band three times. This was the second year in the group for Scott, a senior who turned 18 on Jan. 29 — three days after the Honor Band auditions.

“It’s a really cool experience,” Scott said. “You’re there with the best of the best.”

“It’s kind of overwhelming to see the talent that everyone has.”

Kelsey, a 15-year-old sophomore and Scott’s sister, said there was no sibling rivalry because she and her brother weren’t competing for the same part.

But there were some perks of having her big bro trying out for the ensemble.

“It was nice to have a ride there,” Kelsey said. “But as far as musically, he practiced on his parts and I practiced on mine.”



Musicians perform at Morrison Center

Homedale High School musicians, from left to right, Chanda Cox, Scott Thatcher — both seniors — and sophomore Kelsey Thatcher played in Boise on Saturday as part of the BSU Honor Band.

Kelsey’s presence at Saturday’s performance was unusual for the honor band, which is predominantly comprised of juniors and seniors each year.

“Despite her age, she has a mature sound on the clarinet and a lot of leadership potential,” Kachelmier said. “She’s a quiet leader with an excellent work ethic.”

Cox is a three-year veteran of the Honor Band. Bound for George Fox University in Newberg, Ore., to major in music education, she also played clarinet in the Treasure Valley Honor Meet in the fall. Fellow Homedale music students Jennifer Dixon and Sabrina Howes were part of the honor meet’s choir.

But Cox said her experience doesn’t make the honor band audition process in front of BSU musicians and advisors any easier.

“It’s less stressful. I wouldn’t say it’s easier,” Cox said. “You get kind of used to the auditions and what to expect because you’re more comfortable.”

Tell that to Kelsey.

“I feel very fortunate, especially when I look up the music,” Kelsey said. “It’s very intimidating, the music and the rhythms, but Miss K (Kachelmier) and Chanda helped me a lot.”

Kelsey said it was helpful that Cox was auditioning for the same instrument (but a different part: Chanda made it as second part, and Kelsey was selected as third part).

“It’s easier to tell someone what to do when you play the same instrument,” Cox said. “(Kelsey) wants to learn, and she helps me a lot. She sees things in the music that I haven’t seen.”

These students have immersed themselves in music since an early age.

All three play piano, and they all picked up their respective Honor Band instruments in seventh

grade. They also are part of the marching band and pep band.

Oh, and by the way, all three are on the school’s first-semester honor roll, having carried 4.0 grade-point averages for the first half of the school year.

The busy schedule has been a strain on everyone involved.

“As a young director, I am honestly fatigued, overwhelmed, and I’m just trying to give my kids the chance to feel successful,” Kachelmier said. “As with all great things, though, in order to feel accomplished and have a sense of pride in yourself, you have to learn to work.”

“Chanda, Scott and Kelsey have all responded well to being pushed, and they are now reaping what they sew: Success.”

— JPB

Fair gets a new chairman

2007 event slated for Aug. 6-11 in Homedale

South Mountain resident David Rutan has succeeded Joe Merrick as chairman of the Owyhee County Fair Board.

Rutan was elected during the fair board’s meeting Thursday at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.



David Rutan

The board also finalized the official dates for the 2007 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo. The fair will be held Aug. 6-11 at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

It was the first meeting for new fair secretary Kelly Haun, who was hired to succeed Teri Nielsen late last year.

The fair board meets on the first Thursday of each month. During the winter months, the meetings are held at the extension office on 8th Street West in Marsing. The rest of the year, the meetings are held at the fair office in Homedale.

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Community chess tourney planned for March 10

A community chess tournament is scheduled for March 10 at the Homedale Middle School.

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Comparing two years of tax levies

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	Taxing unit	Levy per \$100 of assessed value		Taxing unit	Levy per \$100 of assessed value
County	Owyhee	0.4459887	County	Owyhee	0.3378621
	Grand View	0.0754673		Grand View	0.0685215
Cities	Homedale	0.6541870	Cities	Homedale	0.6041093
	Marsing	0.4862471		Marsing	0.4862471
School districts	Melba Jt.	0.7975035	School districts	Melba Jt.	0.5410445
	Glenns Ferry Jt.	0.4624769		Glenns Ferry Jt.	0.1357935
	Marsing Jt.	0.8530348		Marsing Jt.	0.5007905
	Pleasant Valley	0.6507148		Pleasant Valley	0.0659793
	Bruneau-Grand View Jt.	0.5250539		Bruneau-Grand View Jt.	0.1951316
	Homedale Jt.	0.7096663		Homedale Jt.	0.3731654
	Three Creek Elem. Jt.	0.2937583		Three Creek Elem. Jt.	0.2533860
	Castleford Jt.	0.5473374		Castleford Jt.	0.2465241
Cemetery districts	Bruneau	0.0179312	Cemetery districts	Bruneau	0.0165153
	Marsing-Homedale	0.0108941		Marsing-Homedale	0.0099028
	Owyhee Pioneer	0.0021604		Owyhee Pioneer	0.0020192
	Riverside	0.0075602		Riverside	0.0074258
Fire districts	Bruneau	0.0104395	Fire districts	Bruneau	0.0101743
	Grand View Jt.	0.1703912		Grand View Jt.	0.1683355
	Homedale Jt.	0.1127658		Homedale Jt.	0.1059925
	Marsing Jt.	0.0626101		Marsing Jt.	0.0588797
	Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson	0.0754367		Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson	0.0678648
Library districts	Bruneau Valley	0.0277615	Library districts	Bruneau Valley	0.0270219
	Eastern Owyhee	0.0202014		Eastern Owyhee	0.0278636
	Lizard Butte Jt.	0.0291483		Lizard Butte Jt.	0.0200005
Roads	County System	0.1068106	Roads	County System	0.0344812
	Gem District	0.0403680		Gem District	0.0362387
	Homedale District	0.0406251		Homedale District	0.0373204
	Three Creek District	0.2951769		Three Creek District	0.2800628
Number of taxing units		28	Number of taxing units		28
Average tax rate per \$100 of AV		1.399329	Average tax rate per \$100 of AV		0.9150783

Source — Associated Taxpayers of Idaho

✓ Taxes: Owyhee farm land assessed at \$123.9 million

reason for the decrease was the abolition of the statewide schools maintenance and operating tax.

The State Tax Commission reports that a little less than half of the tax money that came into county coffers in 2006 — about \$2.1 million — was collected from residential property. The percentage of the total tax bill paid by residential property owners rose 4.7 percent in 2006. Residential property owners paid 49.8 percent of the total taxes collected by the county in 2006 as compared to 45.1 percent in 2005.

Residential property accounted for 47.2 percent of the total county assessment in 2006, or more than \$217 million. In 2005, 43.3 percent of the county’s total assessment came from residential property.

The Associated Taxpayers of Idaho said that statewide figures show that homeowners paid nearly two-thirds of the total taxes culled from the residential sector last year. In Owyhee County, however, owner-occupied property accounted for more than \$1.2 million of the residential property taxes collected, or nearly 53 percent.

In 2005, the county drew 57.6 percent of its residential property tax base from primary dwellings.

The next most-lucrative major property category for Owyhee County in 2006 was agricultural, which contributed 24.1 percent

Owyhee County Taxable Values by Major Category of Property							
Year	Residential	Commercial	Agriculture	Timber	Mining	Utilities	Total
2006	\$217,351,556	\$64,422,699	\$123,925,293	N/A	\$1,283,659	\$53,431,311	\$460,414,518
2005	\$176,988,686	\$62,111,458	\$119,312,904	N/A	\$1,491,207	\$48,160,520	\$408,064,775
Change	\$40,362,870	\$2,311,241	\$4,612,389	N/A	-\$207,548	\$5,270,791	\$52,349,743
% Change	22.81%	3.72%	3.87%	N/A	-13.92%	10.94%	12.83%
Owyhee County Property Taxes by Major Category of Property							
Year	Residential	Commercial	Agriculture	Timber	Mining	Utilities	Total
2006	\$2,132,104	\$650,750	\$1,030,544	N/A	\$10,675	\$454,157	\$4,278,230
2005	\$2,597,478	\$936,229	\$1,567,209	N/A	\$19,587	\$641,281	\$5,761,784
Change	-\$465,374	-\$285,479	-\$536,665	N/A	-\$8,913	-\$187,123	-\$1,483,554
% Change	-17.92%	-30.49%	-34.24%	N/A	-45.50%	-29.18%	-25.75%

Source — Idaho State Tax Commission

of the total taxes charged, or just over \$1 million. That’s down from 27.2 percent and \$1.5 million in 2005.

Agricultural property assessments rose 3.87 percent in 2006. Residential property assessments increased nearly 23 percent (or more than \$40 million). Agricultural land in the county was valued at \$123.9 million, while residential property held a value of \$217.3 million.

The property tax contribution from the commercial sector fell 1 percent from 2005. The county received 15.2 percent of its taxes from business property in 2006.

The taxes paid by the operating/ utility sector plummeted from \$641,281 in 2005 to \$454,157 last year, a change of 29.2 percent even though property assessments in that category rose nearly 11 percent.

Mining, the lifeblood of early Owyhee County, drew just

\$10,675 in taxes or 0.2 percent of the 2006 total, a drop in revenue of nearly 50 percent over the previous year. Mining property was the only land devalued in the 2006 assessment, falling nearly 14 percent from a total valuation of nearly \$1.5 million in 2005 to almost \$1.3 million last year.

According to data released by the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho, many levy rates were slashed in 2006. ATI figures are gathered when taxing district levy rates are certified in the fall, Nelson said.

The Marsing Joint School District had the highest levy per \$100 of assessed value, and that levy pulled in \$709,293 in 2006.

The Melba school district’s tax charge fell from \$232,399 in 2005 to \$184,745 last year through a combination of the statewide M&O levy repeal and the expiration of Melba’s plant

facilities levy. Three attempts to extend the plant facilities levy for the struggling district have failed, forcing the school board to enact an emergency levy in September.

The levy paid by Homedale school patrons was cut nearly in half between 2005 and 2006. The school district’s tax charge for 2006 amounted to \$469,120.

Levies fell across the board for the county’s road districts, but only the county system took a significant hit in the amount of tax charged. In 2006, the county system collected \$66,416, only one-third of the \$187,944 that came in during 2005.

— JPB

✓ Robbery: OCSO is grateful for several tips

how many people I cleared (on the case). You have to appreciate the (public’s) response.”

Just after 10 p.m. on Jan. 23, a white male adult loitered inside the Snake River Mart at the corner of Main Street and 8th Avenue West in Marsing until after closing. Waiting until all the other customers had left the store, he produced a black semi-automatic handgun and removed an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register.

The suspect grabbed the money from the register while holding employees at bay with the handgun. Since the front door to the store was locked, the suspect had to wait for an employee to unlock the door to leave.

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy was on the scene in less than a minute from the time dispatchers received the 911 call from store employees; however, the suspect was able to elude capture and remains at-large. One factor in the suspect’s ability to escape was a large amount of traffic created as fans departed from a Marsing High School girls basketball game that had just ended across the street from Snake River Mart.

Anyone with information about this crime is urged to contact the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office at (208) 495-1154.

— JWB



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Owyhee County members of the Idaho Junior Jammers fiddle ensemble are offering “fiddlegrams” again this year for Valentine’s Day gifts.

The fiddlegrams cost \$30 (plus tax) and include a plush toy. Fiddlegrams will be delivered in the Homedale and Marsing area from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. next Wednesday.

All orders and payments must be received by Monday for the \$30 rate. Orders after Monday will be charged \$60. Checks and credit cards are accepted.

Order a Homedale fiddlegram by calling 880-3731.

Proceeds from the fiddlegrams help raise money for the Idaho Open Fiddle Contest, a regional contest with divisions for beginning musicians through championship-level fiddlers.

The Idaho Open Fiddle Contest will be held June 1-2 at the Nampa Civic Center.



Youth rosin up bows for love

Owyhee County members of the Idaho Junior Jammers, left to right, Carlie Purdom, Justine Calzacorta, Mckeena Calzacorta and Quincy Pendergrass, as well as Jacob and Sarah Rienecker, who are not pictured, will play serenade sweethearts with fiddlegrams for Valentine’s next week. Submitted photo

For more information on the late spring contest in Canyon County, visit www.idopenfiddlecontest.com.

Bruneau library talk features world travelers

The Bruneau Valley Library will hold the February installment of its Bruneau and Beyond speaker program on Feb. 21.

This month’s speakers are Richard and Marjorie Hugo of Grand View, who will tell of their adventures traveling through Africa and present a slideshow. The couple has traveled to Africa a total of three times, visiting

South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Ethiopia and Sudan.

The program will begin with a free lunch at noon Feb. 21 at the Bruneau Valley Library. Anyone planning to attend the event must RSVP to library director Clara Morris at (208) 845-2345 or (208) 845-2131 to ensure enough food is prepared.

The library is located at 32073

Ruth Street in Bruneau.

If more people attend than the library can hold, the program will be moved to the community church and notices indicating the change will be posted.

The popular luncheon and speaker program is partially underwritten this year by a grant received from US Ecology in December.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Feb. 8: Spaghetti or hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 9: No school K-8 only.

Feb. 12: Beef wiener wrap or chicken pot pie, mac & cheese, green beans, rice krispie treat, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 13: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 14: Chicken patty or rib-b-que/bun, potato wedges, cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

Feb. 8: Lasagna or hot pocket, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, bread stick, milk.

Feb. 9: No school.

Feb. 12: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Feb. 13: Fish nuggets or mini corn dogs, rice, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

Feb. 14: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

Feb. 8: Chicken patty/bun or sandwich & soup, potato wedges, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 9: Early release. Crispito or rib-b-que/bun, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 12: Pizza, chicken bacon melt or chef’s salad, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 13: Beef or chicken tenders, potato or macaroni salad, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Feb. 14: Lasagna or burrito, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

Feb. 8: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, fruit, milk, sandwiches, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Feb. 9: Chocolate pudding, fruit, veggie, milk, chicken patty/bun, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Feb. 12: Burritos, buttered rice, fruit, milk, hamburger, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Feb. 13: Red Baron pizza, salad w/dressing, fruit, milk, baked potato & chili bar, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Feb. 14: Sloppy Joes, fruit jello, veggies, milk, chicken patty/bun, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

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Feb. 8: Haystacks, corn, cinnamon twist, fruit, milk.

Feb. 9: Hamburger/bun, French fries, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.

Feb. 12: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll/butter, fruit, milk.

Feb. 13: Waffles & strawberries, hash browns, scrambled eggs, oranges, milk.

Feb. 14: Corn dogs, French fries, fresh veggie, fresh fruit, heart brownie, milk.

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

Feb. 8: Chicken chow mein, fried rice, stir fry vegetables, milk.

Feb. 13: *Birthday dinner*. Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/ gravy, peas, roll & milk.

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— Tanya

Dear Tanya,

You owe the money and need to pay your debt. But these bozos are breaking the law, and it's going to take a real slap in the face to get their attention.

Send a letter overnight delivery to the guy who has been calling and the company headquarters telling them that your financial counselor informed you they are breaking federal law. Make sure you get proof of delivery with a tracking number from FedEx or UPS.

According to the Federal Fair Debt Collections Act, once a creditor has been notified not to call a person's place of employment they are required never to do so again. If you want to have some real fun, invite them to call back one more time because you would love to sue them for \$10 million and win!

Make sure you keep copies of the letter, because you'll need proof they've been notified in the event this goes to court. Also contact the Federal Trade Commission and report these guys immediately.

Remember, Tanya. You owe what you owe. But you need to get these guys off your back and under control!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm thinking about forming a Limited Liability Corporation. What's the difference between an LLC and a Limited Liability Partnership. Which one do you recommend?

— Susan

Dear Susan,

Essentially, they're the same thing. An LLC with more than one shareholder functions just like a partnership.

I wouldn't recommend



either one. I'd go with a Sub-S Corporation unless you're planning to own a lot of real estate. You don't need LLC or LLP status unless you're making serious money or have personal assets to protect.

And Susan, I'd stay away from any situation where you have a bunch of partners. Lots of times when the business crashes the friendship crashes, too. You don't need that kind of stress in your life.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

We moved into a new house a few weeks ago, and I was wondering if it's OK to cash out a mutual fund to buy some furniture. We've got about \$2,500 in the fund, and it's not for retirement. We're debt-free except for the house, and have a fully funded emergency fund in place along with our Roth IRA and 401(k).

— Laurie

Dear Laurie,

You've done a fabulous job with your money, so reward yourself and get some new furniture! Just cash out the mutual fund and tell them to send you a check.

Keep on being very smart with your money, and see if you can buy this furniture at a wholesale outlet. Even the greatest deal at a retail furniture store is expensive, so check out wholesalers or even places that are going out of business.

You've worked hard to get where you are, Laurie. I'm very proud of you!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Calendar

Today

DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Rhythm and Rhyme at the library, 11 a.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive. (208) 495-1063

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3252

Owyhee Garden Club meeting, 1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

Marsing School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7 p.m., district office board room, 209 W. 8th Ave. W.

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

Friday

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Saturday

Homedale International Smorgasbord, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., \$28 per family, \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children grades 1-6, \$2 for preschoolers. (208) 482-6922

Sunday

Snake River Valley Fellowship Bible study, 10 a.m., 532 W. California Ave., Homedale. (208) 475-3733

Monday

Homedale School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7

p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

Melba School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

Tuesday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Storytime at the library, 11 a.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive. (208) 495-1063

Computer basics class, free, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Homedale High School computer lab, 203 E. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-4611

Storytime for first- through third-graders, 4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Owyhee

Plaza, 105 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. (208) 880-8962

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

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City Chamber looks to bolster its future

Homedale business community asked to attend Thursday elections

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce hopes to embark on a new era Thursday at its February luncheon.

Chamber officers distributed a letter to the city’s business owners recently that urged them to attend the noon meeting at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant. The nomination and election of 2007 officers will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

The letter signed by president Aaron Tines, vice-president Gavin Parker, secretary Tami Steinmetz and treasurer Brad Dines, set forth the chamber’s vision as Homedale continues what officers referred to as “unprecedented” growth.

“We believe that it is critical now more than ever that our Chamber of Commerce has a strong presence in the community,” the officers wrote in the letter.

The chamber issued the letter, more or less, as a plea for more participation from the town’s business owners in the organization’s activities.

“The future vitality of our organization depends on the level of participation we receive from our members and, quite frankly, without more involvement from our local business owners and operators, our Chamber of Commerce is in dire straits,” the officers wrote.

Through the letter, the chamber stated a renewed mission to promote and recognize Homedale businesses to “ensure the growth and success of our local economy.”

Ultimately, the chamber is looking for business owners to step forward and assist in the fulfillment of the organization’s mission.

To that end, chamber officers said future plans include luncheon guest speakers, the spotlighting of local businesses, a regular newsletter, business tours and open houses as well as community events and fund-raisers.

The chamber officers wrote that they also welcome more ideas from the business community.

— JPB

Marsing students qualify for NNU dean’s list

Four students with Marsing ties have qualified for the 2006-07 fall semester dean’s list at Northwest Nazarene University.

Pamela Haines, Anthony Haskett, Tyson Nielsen and MJ Usabel were among 371 students to make the grade from the Nampa university.

Students must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average while taking at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

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Homedale High School

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February’s purple birthstone has been found among the possessions of royalty throughout the ages. The intense violet hue of Amethyst appealed to early monarchs, perhaps because they often wore this color. Purple dye was scarce and expensive at one time, and so it was reserved for the garments of kings and queens. Amethyst has been found in ruins dating as far back as the ninth century, adorning crowns, scepters, jewelry, and breastplates worn into battle. A large Amethyst is among the closely guarded gemstones in the British Crown Jewels.

Amethyst is also symbolic of spirituality and piety. It has been used to ornament churches and crosses used in religious ceremony, and worn in rings and on rosaries by bishops and priests.

Once considered more valuable than diamonds, Amethyst is a member of the quartz family, occurring naturally as crystals within rocks. Deposits of this gemstone are found in Brazil, Canada, Australia, India, Madagascar, Namibia, Russia, Sri Lanka; and in the United States.

The gift of Amethyst is symbolic of protection and the power to overcome difficulty. It is said to strengthen the bond in a love relationship, so it is an ideal anniversary or engagement gem. Whether or not Amethyst holds such power, it’s stunning beauty will certainly make anyone who wears it feel like royalty!

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Panel explores community center

YMCA official meets with Homedale leaders to analyze options for children

Homedale businesswoman Karolyn Munster isn't afraid to say what's on her mind.

Thursday, she organized a meeting of officials from various parts of Homedale to find out what can be done to give the city's youths more opportunities during crucial after-school hours.

"There's been a huge problem with kids hanging around the school after school hours," Munster said. "I said, 'There's got to be something to get these kids to do something else.'"

The exploration process began with Thursday's meeting, which took place at the home Munster shares with her husband, Michael, and their four children.

The house happens to be the old Homedale Friends Community Church, which the Munsters bought nearly a year ago. The family, which owns the Munster's Ink tattoo shop on West Idaho Avenue in Homedale, is looking to sell the house and move outside the city limits. But Karolyn Munster has bigger ideas for the huge building than just selling to the highest bidder.

"I don't necessarily want to turn it into an apartment complex," she said. "I'd like to see it as a community center or some kind of use to our town."

With that in mind, Munster summoned several community leaders to the house Thursday afternoon to meet with Treasure Valley Family YMCA chief operating officer David Duro and discuss the possibilities of creating a YMCA-type situation in Homedale.

The meeting included:

- Councilman Tim Downing, public works supervisor Larry Bauer and City Clerk Alice Pegram from the City of Homedale
- Superintendent Tim Rosandick and Homedale Elementary School principal Scott Freeby from the school district
- Homedale School Resource Officer Michelle Babcock from the police department
- Pastor John Beck from the Friends church

Duro was encouraged by the turnout at the informal sit-down.

"When a group of people get together and want to get something done and really want it, there's nothing that's going to stop them," he said.

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink, who was out of town the day of the meeting, said there has to be some outlet for the city's children. But he skeptical because of the community's history of being unable to sustain a program

for very long.

"It would be nice to have something for the kids," Fink said. "That program has been started three other times and has failed, so really I can't say much about what they've got planned. I'd like to sit down with them and talk to them about it."

Thursday's gathering could turn into the first meeting of a committee charged with exploring ways to organize activities for the city's children. Fink said he would be willing to attend future meetings.

Ideas were bandied about, from obtaining grants to purchase pool tables and foosball tables to helping organize and maintain youth sports programs that would utilize both Sundance Park and the city swimming pool to hiring a full-time coordinator to bring all the activities together.

Fink welcomed anything that would help the city deal with the burden of the city pool.

"We'll work with them as much as we possibly can," Fink said, "because, after all ... we lose \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year operating the pool down there. I'd like to get rid of it, but it's important to have something for the kids to do."

Everyone in attendance agreed that money, resources and facilities are the biggest obstacles to creating a community center for children of all ages.

"If we could just have something — video games, pool tables — anything that would keep the kids entertained during those crucial hours that would stop them from vandalizing and 'tagging' the town," Babcock said.

"Something that they can do, because once they're out of school, if they're not in sports, Mom and Dad don't get home 'til 5:30, 6 o'clock at night, and what are they going to do other than hang around with their friends and get in trouble?"

Munster said she was willing to use the house as a community center in an attempt to keep children occupied after school. Beck pointed out the irony that before the church moved the building to its present location at the corner of Montana Avenue and Third Street that part of the structure was a community center.

Another idea was to work toward incorporating activities that utilize Sundance Park and the pool into a comprehensive program that reaches beyond the need for after-school diversions.

Bauer pointed out that such a program would require a full-time coordinator, who would be paid to oversee the operation. In the past, he said, the city's children have had programs such as youth soccer, but the activities faded as the volunteers ran out of time and

energy to keep it going.

Duro said grant-writing would be the first step toward getting money to hire a coordinator or to start accumulating equipment for activities. He also said strong community involvement — such as that which helped Caldwell create a YMCA — is crucial to any progress.

While he said the YMCA's resources are stretched too thin in the valley to consider building a facility in Homedale, the organization would be willing to lend its expertise to help establish programs in Homedale, perhaps as soon as this summer. He also confirmed that the YMCA had helped operate the Parma city pool last summer.

Munster's group has decided to meet again in about a month, at which time Duro plans to deliver more information on getting grants and how to proceed.

Downing said he would be willing to represent the city on the organizing committee.

The councilman, who grew up in Homedale, also said he thinks the idea can work with the right circumstances, which the group agreed would include a heavy dose of community involvement.

"I always think that if we can do something for the youth, it's to our advantage," Downing said.

— JPB

'When a group of people get together and want to get something done and really want it, there's nothing that's going to stop them.'

— **David Duro**, Treasure Valley Family YMCA vice president and chief operating officer



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County disaster summit planned for Grand View

Southwest District Health and the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hold a second Pandemic Planning Summit at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Grand View Fire Station, 720 Roosevelt in Grand View.

A similar summit was held last month in Marsing.

According to organizers, the goal of the summit is to raise awareness of the importance of taking steps to plan for a possible pandemic or other disaster that could severely impact the community.

The event is open to the public, but organizers specifically encourage local utility department heads, school officials, emergency first-responders, faith-based leaders, businesses and industrial leaders to attend.

Laurie Boston, spokesperson for Southwest District Health, said the event is designed to be educational, and stressed there is no imminent threat facing Owyhee County; however, the Center for Disease Control said that a worldwide flu epidemic is a distinct possibility.

“The Center for Disease Control has said it’s only a matter of time before we have another pandemic,” Boston said. “Primarily with the Bird Flu. It’s not human-to-human transmission yet, but it could jump across (from avian to

human) very easily.”

The Pandemic Planning Summit will present strategies for preparation, response and recovery efforts needed in a pandemic or disaster. These strategies include the need for pre-planning and working together; the roles the agencies, individuals and community partners will perform to avoid duplication of efforts; defining essential services; and knowing the resources available and needed for an effective, interactive response.

Boston said lessons learned during the Hurricane Katrina escapade hopefully will provide insight about ways to prepare for a disaster before it happens.

“Learning from Katrina, as far as the disaster, the left hand did not work well with the right hand, so this is just planning ahead so that you know and can work together effectively to save lives and to reduce the spread of disease,” she said.

During last month’s summit in Marsing, a crucial topic was preparing a 72-Hour emergency kit, with supplies to enable a family to survive for up to 72 hours without outside assistance.

For more information, contact Southwest District Health at (208) 455-5377.

— JWB

Homedale district to offer community computer classes

Free workshops will cover basics of using a PC

Learning how to operate a computer can be daunting for anyone, so Gini Carrow with the Homedale School District will be leading a series of free classes to help educate novice computer users.

“Computer skills are pretty important these days,” Carrow said. “You pretty much can’t do anything without them.”

“And a lot of adults feel like their kids know more about their computers than they do, and they need a little instruction to keep up with their kids.”

There will be four workshops in all, and they’ll be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays inside the computer lab at the Homedale High school annex building.

The schedule includes:

- Computer Basics on Tuesday
- Exploring the Internet on Feb. 27
- Keep in Touch with E-mail on March 20
- Managing Files on April 17

Although the classes are free, participants must reserve space for each of the workshops they plan to attend. Registration forms are available at the Homedale School District office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., and the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. Return the registration forms to either location or mail them to Carrow at the Homedale School District office.

Call Carrow at 337-4611 for more information. Registration will not be taken over the phone.

The district’s technology integration and support specialist, Carrow said the classes will deal with PCs and the Windows XP operating system. She said similar classes have been held for Homedale Senior Citizens Center patrons in the past, but this instructional series is open to all ages.

She said the workshop series is set in an a la carte fashion. It’s not necessary to take all four classes, but only those you’re interested in.

Tuesday’s first class will be as basic as one can get, covering the names of different hardware devices and how to use them. Devices included will be the keyboard, mouse and monitor,

among others.

Carrow has a Master’s degree in education technology and she helps the school district’s teachers use technology in their classrooms. She’s also instrumental in getting elementary students started with computer use.

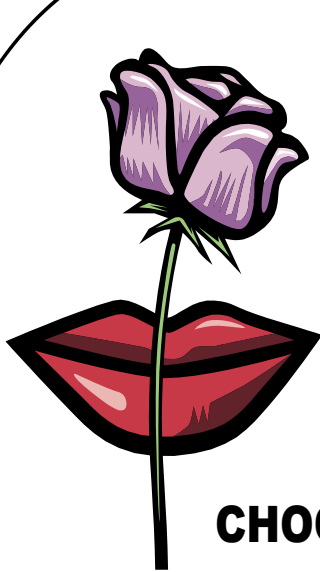
Carrow said the Exploring the Internet class on Feb. 27 will tackle terminology used in conjunction with the World Wide Web as well as the different Web browsers that are available. Participants also will be able to figure what a URL or a hyperlink is.

The e-mail class on March 20 could be one of the most popular workshops, Carrow said, because of the prevalence of e-mail as a communication device among family members.

“The thing most people want to know is attaching photos to e-mails and how to open attachments and to learn about virus hoaxes,” she said.

The final class on April 17 will deal with managing files, especially learning to save files to a location in your computer where you can find them again as well as creating folders and subfolders for storage.

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Owyhee Cattlemen's winter meeting

Initiative chair paints optimistic picture for ranchers in Oreana

County ranchers received uplifting news on the Owyhee Initiative Saturday during the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting in Oreana.

Initiative chairman Fred Grant said that even though the Democrats now have a narrow congressional majority, the fate of the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act isn't as dire as some might think.

"I don't have a bad feeling about the Congress," Grant said. "Sixty-two percent of the Democrats that defeated Republicans are more conservative than the Republicans they defeated."

OCA board member and Homedale resident Chad Gibson said Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) may re-introduce into the Senate next month.

Grant said that all parties involved in the half-decade process must stay the course even as outside forces may try to alter language of the legislation.

"Sen. Crapo has committed, and he means it, that if the time comes and it becomes clear that the only way it's going through is to take away what we need in the way of the natural resources and the livestock industry, he will simply say it will not go through and it won't go through," Grant said.

Grant said that the New Mexico Stockgrowers Association could throw its support behind the measure, which will be helpful because the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee through which the bill must pass is chaired by New Mexico Democrat Jeff Bingaman. Grant said Bingaman doesn't support the compensation package in the legislation.

Grant also said that environmentalists have done the majority of the work in Washington, D.C., in the past year and it's time for the ranchers



Initiative reps ready for 2007 battle

Homedale resident Chad Gibson, an Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board member, left, gives an update on the Owyhee Initiative as Initiative chairman Fred Grant looks on. Grant urged ranchers to get involved in the lobbying process.

to step up to the plate.

"I feel very comfortable with where we're headed," Grant said. "During the next year, we're going to ask a lot of you to go back to the District of Columbia."

At the end of the presentation, the Jordan Valley Rodeo Association pledged \$10,000 to the OCA in support of the Owyhee Initiative effort.

Association president Russ Turner said that the Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Fund also has sent \$40,000 in support of the legislation. Chris Collette announced the start of the 2007 Dodge Pickup raffle for the fund. Five hundred tickets, priced at \$100 each, are available, and the drawing will be held Oct. 21.

Celia Gould, the new director of the state Department of Agriculture, addressed the ranchers. A Buhl resident, Gould is part of a family ranching operation, too, which runs cattle

in various places, including Three Creek.

"We're here to help you and listen to you," Gould told the OCA members.

The OCA membership passed three resolutions Saturday, including:

- Pursuit of a captive breeding program for sage-grouse.

- Opposition to any legislation that would eliminate or significantly curtail elk ranching in Idaho.

- Opposition of the federal horse slaughter ban being proposed in Congress.

The new state director of the Bureau of Land Management, Tom Dyer, was introduced to the ranchers.

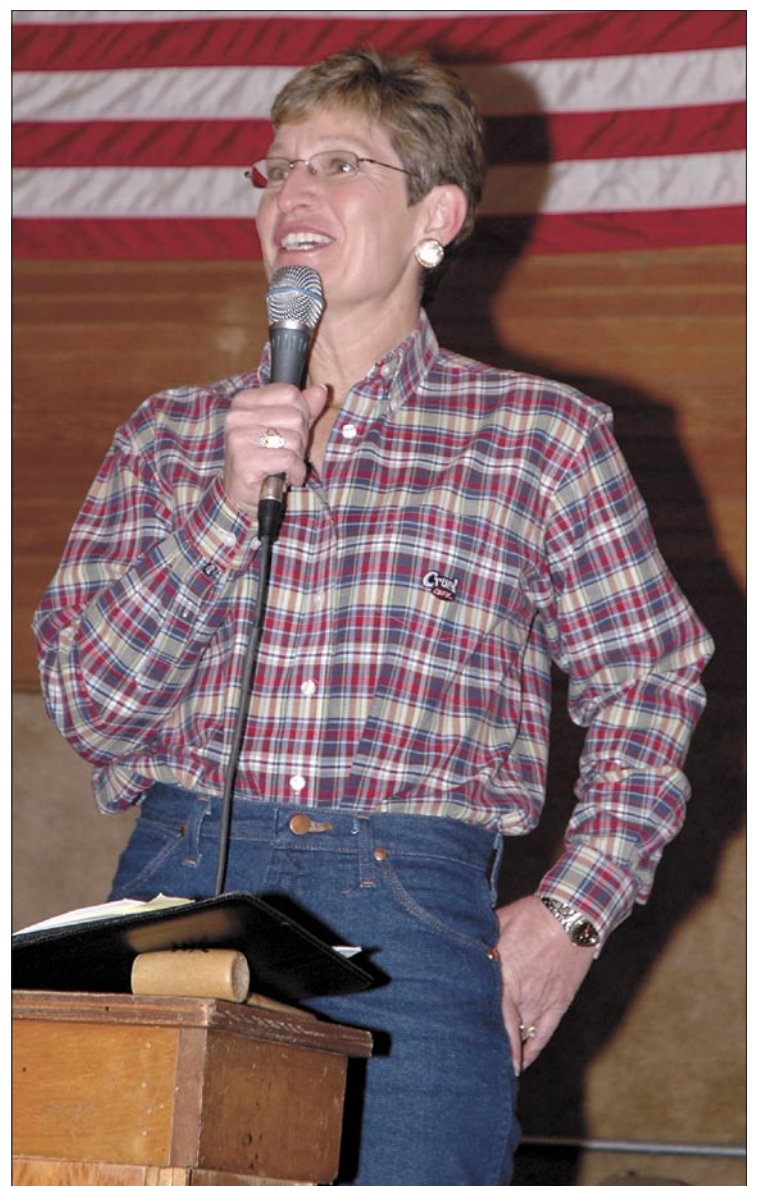
State Brand Inspector Larry Hayhurst announced that Jake Miller has replaced the retired Chuck Hall as brand inspector in the Bruneau area.

— JPB



Cattlemen get thorough update

Above: Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Russ Turner kicks off the 2007 winter meeting in the Oreana Community Hall. Below: Celia Gould, the new director of the state Department of Agriculture, takes questions from the members on agricultural issues affecting the cattle industry.



Ranchers in Idaho, Oregon will pay lower federal grazing fees in 2007

The Federal grazing fee for Western public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service will be \$1.35 per animal unit month (AUM) in 2007, down from \$1.56 in 2006. The fee applies to lands in 16 Western states, including Idaho and Oregon.

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. 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 2007 fee declined primarily because of an increase in production prices.

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South Board's new project aims to save irrigators money

South Canal diversion will increase water pressure, too

The South Board of Control began work recently on a new pipe diversion project southwest of Adrian, which will bring increased irrigation water pressure to landowners throughout the Owyhee Project in both Owyhee and Malheur counties.

The new system also will mean savings to water users through water conservation and a reduction in maintenance costs for South Board.

"We're partnering with the State of Oregon and the Bureau of Reclamation on a project," South Board of Control Manger Rex Barrie said last week. "What it entails is burying approximately 24,000 feet of PVC pipe."

Barrie said the life expectancy of the 18-inch PVC pipe is approximately 50 years and it will be virtually maintenance-free.

South Board is installing a new diversion box, which will divert water from the South Canal in a large underground pipe, instead of an open ditch. The three-year project is being partially funded through grants. Barrie said the total cost of the project is not yet known.

The new construction project begins at the South Canal southwest of Adrian, near what is called "Tunnel No. 5." That tunnel brings water through the hillside from an Owyhee Dam diversion channel at Tunnel Canyon through a 5-mile tunnel, to the South Canal. South Canal eventually carries the water approximately 37 miles to an area south of Marsing. The diversion capacity for the South Canal is listed at 490 cubic feet per second.

"The benefits to us on this project are that we're not going to have to maintain this portion of the canal anymore," Barrie said. "We won't have to dip out sediments; we won't have to spray the weeds or treat the aquatic vegetation and growth in the canal; we won't have to pull the weeds every time the wind blows."

For the South Board, the bottom line will be savings, both in water waste and in maintenance dollars.

"By putting it in pipe, we estimate we are going to conserve around seven acre-feet of water per year on this one project," Barrie said. "That's not a lot of water. But, when you do a bunch of projects like this, you save



South Board begins new project

The South Board of Control recently began a project to use this 18-inch PVC pipe rather than an open ditch to divert water from the South Canal, near Tunnel No. 5 southwest of Adrian. The project is partially funded through grants from the State of Oregon and the Bureau of Reclamation. The work is projected to take up to three years and will result in increased water pressure, less maintenance cost and less wasted water.

more water, which allows you to keep a little bit more in the reservoir, in case you need more throughout the system."

Barrie said this conservation project will help South Board stretch existing water farther.

The project will cover approximately 600 acres, most of which is not currently used as farmland. Barrie said that approximately seven landowners will be affected by physical construction of the project.

One of the system's added benefits is increased water pressure, which will be a vast improvement over the current system and allow farmers to use more sophisticated forms of irrigation.

"When we get the pipe in the ground and the system is completed, we'll be able to deliver to each of the (affected) farms approximately 45 to 50 pounds per square inch of pressure at the delivery point, which will enable them to use sprinklers or pivots or wheel lines."

Barrie said that in the past farmers had to have a pump to build enough nozzle pressure to get water from the ground to the fields. Barrie said that situation soon will change.

"What we're doing here is eliminating the need for the pump

to boost the water pressure," Barrie said.

Barrie said that funding for the project has come from a number of sources, in addition to South Board's pocketbook. Barrie cited unique grant opportunities through the State of Oregon as a big help in getting the project moving.

Barrie said \$317,000 was provided by a grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. The Bureau of Reclamation also kicked in \$75,000.

"The State of Oregon has a really progressive grant program for special projects," Barrie said.

He added that the project must meet specific criteria, including improving wildlife habitat along the Snake River.

"What they're looking for is riparian area that we need to protect, reducing the amount of sediment that returns to the Snake River, ultimately. If you have a project that is in proximity to some of those (riparian) areas that meet those criteria, you get 'points' or a better chance of getting funding."

Barrie said that while the project may only take two years to complete, South Board has budgeted for three years as a precaution.

— JWB

Couple rescued from icy water after plane crash

A Nampa couple was rescued by Samaritans after a plane crash at the Owyhee Reservoir on Sunday afternoon.

According to witnesses, a Piper Tomahawk aircraft occupied by a Nampa couple attempted to take off from the Pelican Point airstrip at the Owyhee Reservoir. The plane crashed into the ice-covered reservoir shortly after takeoff and sank through the ice. The occupants were able to escape from the sinking aircraft, but were couldn't climb from the water onto the ice.

Another pilot, Craig Paulson of Wilder, and passenger Randy Fisk were in the area. While Paulson attempted to radio for help for the stranded couple, Fisk apparently ventured out onto the ice and rescued the couple.

"It was an older couple," Paulson said. "They couldn't get up onto the ice (from the water), and Randy went out onto the ice, risking his own life and got them pulled to safety."

Paulson said that after Fisk rescued the couple from the water, they went to shore and built a fire to warm the couple.

Paulson flew the couple to Nampa after the accident. Paulson said the Malheur County Sheriff's Office was notified of the accident, but heavy ice in the lake prevented deputies from reaching the couple by boat.

Malheur County Undersheriff Brian Wolfe stated Monday that an investigation into the cause of the crash is ongoing.

— JWB

Snow, water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that Owyhee Reservoir held 469,409 acre-feet of water and that 21.1 cubic feet per second was being released into the Owyhee River at Nyssa, Ore.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 11 a.m. Monday:

Reynolds Creek					
Date	Snow Depth	Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
			Max.	Min.	Avg.
01/30	1.6	6.4	41	25	33
01/31	1.5	6.4	33	20	27
02/01	1.4	6.4	32	17	24
02/02	1.5	6.4	28	14	20
02/03	1.5	6.5	34	15	25
02/04	1.3	6.5	43	34	38
02/05	1.0	6.5	52	36	43

South Mountain					
Date	Snow Depth	Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
			Max.	Min.	Avg.
01/30	23.7	13.1	46	29	36
01/31	24.1	13.1	41	24	31
02/01	24.1	13.1	35	17	24
02/02	24.3	13.1	33	16	22
02/03	23.6	13.1	35	17	28
02/04	23.7	13.2	46	34	39
02/05	22.3	13.3	51	36	43

Mud Flat					
Date	Snow Depth	Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
			Max.	Min.	Avg.
01/30	10.8	6.2	42	10	26
01/31	11.2	6.2	39	13	28
02/01	11.2	6.2	35	9	22
02/02	11.5	6.2	37	7	22
02/03	11.4	6.2	38	2	20
02/04	10.3	6.3	48	13	31
02/05	9.5	6.3	53	32	40

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Shriners observe Burn Awareness Week
El Korah Shriners William Shaw of Homedale, left, and Vern Cooper of Nampa display the proclamation signed Friday by Homedale Mayor Paul Fink.

Fink joins Burn Awareness Week

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink signed a proclamation Friday supporting the Shriners’ National Burn Awareness Week.

Two local members of the El Korah Shriners presented the proclamation to Fink on Friday in their effort to get government officials throughout Owyhee County behind the commemorative observance, which began Sunday.

“We want to get the word out to all parts of Owyhee County about this,” Homedale resident and Shriner William Shaw said.

Shaw and fellow Shriner Vern Cooper of Nampa met with Fink on Friday morning.

“I believe in the Shriners and their care of the burn ward,” Fink said. “It’s very important because anytime a disaster hits or a crisis like that, I think the Shriners are doing a great job. They’ve got one of the nicest facilities around.”

Shaw and Cooper said they planned to have other government leaders in the county, such as Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt, also sign the proclamation.

Shaw is the president of the Caldwell Shrine Club. The Shriners have a reputation for helping with the medical needs of children, and there are Shrine Hospital burn centers in Sacramento, Calif., Galveston, Texas, Boston and Cincinnati.

National Burn Awareness

Week runs through Saturday, and the Shriners use the time to raise public awareness about the treatment provided by Shrine Hospitals from the care of acute new burns to reconstructive surgery as part of rehabilitation from burn injuries and the scarring that results.

“We thought this was important, especially in light of the fire (at Middleton High School),” Shaw said.

Two children died in Homedale-area fires in 2006.

The free services are available to all children ages 18 and younger, Shaw said.

Shaw said another avenue the Shriners use in their burn and fire prevention educational campaign is the distribution of an informational packet to schoolchildren.

Shaw and Cooper urged anyone who knows of a child in need of burn care to contact any Shriner or call toll free (800) 237-5055.

Shaw said he could be reached at (208) 337-4466. The number for the El Korah Shrine in Boise, which serves Southwest Idaho, is (208) 343-0571.

Shaw also said the Shriners will plan health screening clinics sometime this spring where county children can get medical checkups free of charge.

— JPB

Former Homedale businessman manages ION tire retail outlet

The new general manager of D&D Tire at Marsing’s ION Truck Plaza in Marsing is no stranger to his customers.

Homedale area resident and businessman Kevin Rountree took over the management slot at D&D Tire, located on the intersection of Idaho highway 55 and U.S. Highway 95 on Jan. 1.

Rountree, an 18-year veteran of the tire business, lives in the Homedale area with his wife, Ramona. His son, Brandon, and daughter, Summer, formerly attended Homedale schools.

Rountree is former owner-operator of the Les Schwab tire and auto service franchise in Homedale. In 1997, he sold the business to open a new store in McCall, where he owned property.

Rountree left the tire business

in 2001 and became a district manager for United Oil, where he worked until the end of 2006.

“The opportunity came up with D&D Tire toward the end of last year,” he said. “They wanted my expertise in the tire business, and since I had been here for so long... they came a-courtin’ and made me an offer and I got back in the tire business for good reasons.”

Rountree said that having lived in the area and been a longtime Owyhee County businessman, many of his former customers have remembered him.

“We’ve already had some people who have dropped in and found out I was back in the area and have come in,” Rountree said. “There are probably some others who haven’t heard yet.”

— JWB

Wade wraps up Air National Guard training

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Pamela M. Wade, daughter of Homedale resident Viola Eells, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, Wade studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Wade is a 1994 graduate of Nampa Alternative School.

A black and white photograph of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a dark top, holding a large, tilted sign. The sign has handwritten text: "My New Year's Resolutions", "Spend more time with family", "★ Start a nest egg", "Go on a cruise", and "Learn to Salsa".

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Folks worth knowing in Owyhee County

Veteran aviator assists backcountry searches

Ed Dickman has seen just about everything in his 42-year flying career.

He flew soldiers from Frankfurt, Germany, to the Persian Gulf during the first Gulf War and saw two in-flight births and four in-flight deaths during his years as an airline pilot.

He has flown aircraft ranging in size from Boeing 747 jumbo jets to Cessna 150s. Before his retirement as a commercial airline pilot in 2002, his last assignment was in Alaska, working for Northwest Airlines. Now his flying consists mainly of single-engine Piper Pacers, Cessna 182s or his Piper Cherokee Six.

Name a backcountry airstrip in Idaho, and he has probably taken off and landed there ... many times.

Nowadays — if Dickman is on the ground — he'll most likely be at his home at Sunrise Skypark airstrip near Givens Hot Springs. Dickman's hangar at the airstrip is filled with airplane parts and signs of recent improvements to one of his two Piper Pacers, one of which will soon be sporting floats for water landings.

It is in one of these hangars he will likely be when the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office needs a pilot to search for a lost hunter or hiker in the Owyhees. He has been doing that job since Tim Nettleton was top lawman for the county. Without hesitation, Dickman answers the call and takes to the air, often in his Cherokee Six, which was recently outfitted with a new propeller and a STOL (Short Take-Off and Landing) kit.

"He's always there for us," Owyhee Sheriff Gary Aman said. "... and he charges us very little."

Aman said that Dickman volun-

teers his time, expertise and aircraft to the county free of charge. He only charges for fuel costs.

Dickman can't recall when exactly he first began flying search missions in Owyhee County, but he recalled it was with Nettleton.

"I flew with Tim a few times," Dickman said. "He's gone with me on searches. No one knows that backcountry like him. He's lived it. He knows it better than anyone I know of."

For Dickman, volunteering his time comes second-nature. He just hopes someone will return the favor if he is ever lost himself. Dickman, who is a former volunteer chief of the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District, finds rewards in helping others.

"It's kind of a deal where I'd hope someone would come look for my butt if I'm out there," he said with a laugh.

Dickman quietly said that his only goal is to leave the world a little bit better place than he found it, and he refrains completely from anything that could be considered bragging of his accomplishments.

"Why not?" Dickman said of his reasoning to volunteer. "I like to fly, and it's a reason to go flying."

"They (searches) are all rewarding," Dickman said, recalling a search conducted late last year.

Two men had ventured deep into the Owyhee backcountry in an aging 1970s Ford pickup.

"Recently, we found a couple older guys that were down (in the Owyhee mountains) hunting and their truck malfunctioned on them, their brakes were locked up," Dickman said. "We found them safe, out of the wind."

Dickman said these particular



Preflight checks

Ed Dickman checks fluid levels in his Piper Cherokee Six at the Sunrise Skypark airstrip near Givens Hot Springs. Dickman volunteers his time and aircraft to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office at a moment's notice if needed for a backcountry search.

lost hunters made it easy, with a "John Deere" green and yellow paint scheme on their vehicle.

"They had it painted John Deere-green with a John Deere-yellow stripe down the side," Dickman said. "I liked that, because there was no doubt that was them."

"We found them and 'hovered' in the air until we could direct a ground deputy to the area," Dickman said.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt Jim Bish recalled the incident,

and speculated that Dickman's assistance in the air may have been instrumental in the survival of the two elderly men.

"They'd have sat there and died," Bish said. "One of them was diabetic, and they were out of food and water."

The two men had set out for Indian Crossing on the Owyhee River, but they ended up miles from their anticipated location.

"They were back on the road south of the OK Corrals on the road into the Star Ranch," Bish said. "They were totally out of the area from where they were supposed to be. They were supposed to be on the other road going down to Indian Crossing."

Bish said that Aman took to the air with Dickman during the search. They began searching in a pattern of ever-widening circles until they located the green-and-yellow truck and the two men.

"They made a little bit wider circle, and when they came around, there they were," Bish said. "They were able to get (Deputy) George (Reed) over there to them and get them out without any injury."

Bish said Dickman's veteran abilities were crucial in the outcome.

"That was one where it could have been bad, but he was able to get around there and get a look at it (the area)," Bish said.

Bish explained that Dickman's willingness to bring his years of honed aviation skills to bear at a moment's notice is a huge asset to the county. Bish said that Dickman and one deputy in the airplane is often equal to several deputies and days' worth of ground search when it comes to remote areas.

"He's never had to turn us down," Bish said. "I've done a lot of flying with him. He's just an amazing pilot."

Bish said that he has always trusted Dickman's judgment and ability to safely navigate through around hazardous situations.

"There's a lot of pilots I wouldn't get in a plane with. With him, I'd get in a plane and go with him anytime. He's a tremendous pilot," Bish said.

"He does it out of the goodness of his heart."

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Authorities investigate bighorn sheep poaching

Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish and Wildlife investigators are looking for answers in the death of a Bighorn Sheep north of the Leslie Gulch recreation area in southeast Oregon. A reward has been offered for information regarding the case. The exact reward amount has not been released.

According to OSP reports, on Jan. 20 a male California Bighorn Sheep was found dead north of Leslie Gulch, near Long Gulch, which is between Leslie Gulch and Three Fingers Rock. The animal's head and horns were missing.

Authorities believe the animal was killed a few days before hunters discovered the carcass.

The Oregon Hunter's Association and Oregon Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep have established a reward fund for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case.

The Leslie Gulch recreation area is located approximately 25 miles west of U.S. Highway 95 on McBride Creek Road. The area features red, yellow and orange volcanic tuff and rhyolite formations.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife lists the Leslie Gulch herd as the third-oldest

herd of California bighorn sheep in Oregon. The species was reintroduced to the area in 1965 with the relocation of 17 sheep from Hart Mountain.

According to the ODFW studies, the herd grew to nearly 300 in the early 1990s. Today, the population is estimated to be approximately 100. The herd's dwindling numbers has been attributed to contaminated natural drinking water sources and mountain lion predation.

Last year, crews from the ODFW installed “guzzlers”, which are 1,800-gallon plastic water storage tanks designed to collect fresh drinking water for the herd. The guzzlers are strategically placed in locations that provide protection from poachers and natural predators. Portions of the herd’s natural water sources have been found to be contaminated with blue-green algae, which can be toxic to animals.

Leslie Gulch was renamed in 1882 for Hiram E. Leslie, who was struck by lightning in the area, then called Dugout Gulch.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact OSP Trooper Bob Wilson at (541) 889-6469 ext. 771.

— JWB



Folks flock to annual Marsing Disaster Auction

Auctioneer Bob Hopkins acknowledges the winning bid during the 47th annual Marsing Disaster Auction on Saturday morning. A crowd packed into the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center for the auction and raffle. It was unknown at press time how much money was raised at this year's event.

Youth ranch horse clinic set for Sunday

A working ranch horse clinic will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

The event, sponsored by the Idaho Youth Horse Council, is open to boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who belong any recognized youth horse organization in the surrounding seven counties, including Owyhee, Canyon, Ada, Gem, Payette, Washington and Elmore counties.

The recognized organizations include high school rodeo clubs, FFA, 4-H, American Quarter Horse Association or American Paint Horse Association.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. and costs \$10. Organizers urge that participants arrive early because of an anticipated long line at sign-up.

Participants will have the opportunity to work cattle, practice reining, trail horse and roping skills, either on foot or on horseback.

Also scheduled are demonstrations on how to tie different knots and restraints and an opportunity to learn about cattle ranching in the West.

By attending four youth ranch horse clinics in any of the surrounding counties between now

and May, a participant can qualify to take part in the Murphy Out Post Days cattle drive on June 1-2 as well as the Ranch Horse Gathering in September.

Spectators can sit in the grandstands of both arenas during Sunday's clinic in Homedale. Admission is free, and the Dust Devils 4-H Club will sell concessions.

To reserve a cow to work at the clinic, contact Dana Kolsstad at the University of Idaho Ada County Extension Office, dkolstad@uidaho.edu or 377-2107, Tass Heim at 590-4103 or Bruce Reuck at (541) 339-3019.

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