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Illegals take chunk out of indigent fund

Owyhee yet to receive more than \$700,000 in medical indigency payments dating to 2004

Nearly a quarter of the indigent medical services cases approved by Owyhee County since 2004 have involved illegal aliens, according to county records.

The county Board of Commissioners has OK'd 140 indigent cases since 2004, and 34

of those were filed on behalf of illegals.

Illegal aliens have accounted for more than \$900,000 in indigent medical claims since 2003, and County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn reported that the largest case handled by the county in the past five

years was a \$345,878 claim filed by an illegal alien in 2006. None of that money has been recovered by either the county or the state, which pays the balance of claims over \$10,000.

In fact, Sherburn said no money from any

of the claims involving illegal aliens has been recovered. In the past four years, there was a high of 11 illegal alien cases in 2004. Last year, seven cases were approved.

Although Idaho Code requires that

— See *Indigent*, page 5A

Auction tops six figures



Calling out bids for a worthy cause

Auctioneer Bob Hopkins, flanked on the left by auction chair Bob Carter and on the right by Tim Dines, recognizes a bid at Saturday's 47th annual Marsing Disaster Auction.

HMS sixth-graders bring in thousands for Smorgasbord

Annual event set for Saturday
at Homedale Elementary

The four-week ticket drive for the 47th annual Homedale International Smorgasbord wrapped up Friday with Homedale Middle School sixth-graders raising nearly \$6,100 prior to Saturday's event.

The International Smorgasbord takes place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at Homedale Elementary School. Tickets will be available at the door for \$28 for families, \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$4 for students in first through sixth grades and \$2 for preschoolers.

This year's menu includes the

usual booths themed for different cuisine from around the world.

- The American booth featuring beef brisket and potato casserole is chaired by Brian Morris.

- The Mexican booth features tacos and authentic salsa and will be chaired by Maria Villarreal.

- The Basque booth, serving chorizos and a traditional salted cod fish dish, will be chaired by Gloria Lejardi.

- The Oriental booth, chaired by Lori Emry for the first time, will serve teriyaki chicken, shrimp foo

— See *Smorgasbord*, page 8A

County employees may be fired for seeking office

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners recently voted to amend the county's personnel manual to include a section dealing with employees who

choose to run for elected office.

The new section sets out a policy whereby county employees opting to run against superiors for an elected office must resign or face

possible termination if there is "a reasonable prediction of disruption" in the incumbent's office.

The change was proposed by commissioner Dick Freund,

seconded by commissioner Hal Tolmie, and passed unanimously.

The policy states that "while the county recognizes that the First Amendment provides

Constitutional protections for the political activity of its employees, it also recognizes that this right is

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Marsing auction raises over \$100,000

The Marsing Disaster Auction, which amazingly raised more than \$100,000 this year, is truly a sensory overload experience.

The competing aromas of frying doughnuts, turkey and noodles, fresh popped corn, tacos, chorizos, coffee, etc. punched attendees in the nose at the door. Thus stunned, few could resist being led by the nose to the line of tempting treats offered for sale.

The sights, beginning with a sea of vehicles surrounding the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, and continuing inside with a standing-room-only crowd and all manner of up-for-auction items, including artwork, tools, toys, tack, and even a rather large blue trout dangling from the ceiling, were enough to make any observer blink.

The gabble and squawk of a large number of people shoehorned into a small space was impressive, but paled next to the main event. To many, the rhythmic, a cappella patois of the auctioneer, punctuated by the cries of his spotters — who hover over the crowd like kestrels over a meadow — is the original and grandest form of rap music.

Over all of that was layered a strong sense of caring, of

camaraderie, of community, that carried with it the feeling that there was no way the event would be anything other than a smashing success.

And it was most definitely a smashing success. The 47th edition of the annual charity auction again broke the previous year's record, according to Lyle Bowers, the advertising chair for this year's event. Last year's auction brought in \$80,000, and this year's total stood at \$99,800 as of Sunday night, with Bowers convinced that the total was sure to top the \$100,000 mark.

"It's been years and years since we didn't raise more than the previous year," Bowers said. "I don't know when we haven't broken the year before's record. It was a really awesome auction.

"We couldn't do it without the support of the community in Marsing and all of the outlying areas. Everyone was really great. Usually, people start filtering out a little toward the afternoon, but this year they all stayed right to the bitter end."

The funds raised go to aid local families that have suffered from serious illnesses or accidents throughout the past year, as well as local service agencies.



Another large audience for auction

The usual standing-room-only crowd packed into the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center on Saturday for the 47th annual Marsing Disaster Auction.

In past years, auction proceeds have gone to the United Way, Marsing Ambulance, the Marsing Senior Citizens Center, Hope House, the Red Cross, the Marsing Resource Center, the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing Elementary, and the Marsing Chamber of Commerce, among other agencies.

— RTH

Marsing Lions hold bingo night

The monthly Marsing Lions Club bingo night will be held Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The early-bird game begins at 6:45 p.m., with the rest of the action starting at 7 p.m.

The Lions Club designates a different cause each month to benefit from the bingo night proceeds. Refreshments are available.

Avalanche launches Web site for news, info

After much planning and tweaking, readers of The Owyhee Avalanche can get some of the same information in the weekly newspaper online at www.owyheepublishing.com.

Folks can go to the Web site to find news that breaks between the Wednesday publication dates of the weekly newspaper, including city council meetings and other general news events as well as results from Owyhee country high school sports teams.

For example, news that district tournament girls basketball games were rescheduled for Homedale and Rimrock high schools was posted when it happened last week.

There also was news posted hours after Homedale graduate Kelsi Haylett won the Ad Rutschman Award as the best small-college female athlete during 2007 in Oregon.

The Web site also features:

- Classified ads

- Information on how to subscribe to the Avalanche
- A calendar of area events
- An online archive of back issues for the newspaper that stretches to 2002
- Information on how to contact The Owyhee Avalanche
- Rates for display advertising in the newspaper
- Lunch menus for school districts in Owyhee County
- Information on Owyhee country-related books that are

available for purchase at the Avalanche office through Owyhee Publishing Co.

- Useful links for area schools, government offices and attractions.

There are also links to the Web sites of photographers and writers who contribute to the Avalanche.

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Boise firm completes work

Crewmembers for Stevens and Sons Well Drilling from Boise keep an eye on their work as they drill a test well for the Homedale municipal water system last week.

Contractor set to begin water work

Improvements to Homedale's municipal water system are expected to begin Monday, according to city public works supervisor Larry Bauer.

"We want to let the people be aware that there are definitely going to be some inconvenient shutdowns of the system," Bauer said. "As much as possible we'll let people in the area know."

Officials from project contractor Sommer Construction of Nampa and the City of Homedale will meet to hammer out details in a preconstruction meeting at 3 p.m. today. The meeting at City Hall is open to the public.

Sommer bid a little less than \$1.5 million for the job.

Bauer said the project to replace several different diameters of pipe throughout the city as well as upgrade and add fire hydrants will take about three months.

Sommer will install several new mains, according to Bauer, and pipe in six, eight and 12 inches in diameter depending on the location in the water system. There will be 43 new hydrants throughout the city system, including 20 new locations, he said.

Sommer will replace all four-inch fire hydrants in town with "standard, modern-day" hydrants, Bauer said. The additional hydrants will boost the city fire flow capabilities, he said.

Bauer said that some street crossings will be torn up during the project, but most of the work will take place on the side of streets. It's unclear how much work on private property will have to take place.

"There will be instances where (the line) has to be dug to the meter, and there may be some meter relocations," Bauer said. "If we find old service lines to the house, those lines will be replaced."

Interruptions in water service can be expected, Bauer said, but he added that no customer will be without water for more than two hours at a time. Legally, customers cannot be without water for more than eight hours, Bauer said.

Homedale has 900 hookups, Bauer said, making it impossible for the city to contact every resident when a shutdown will occur. Monitor owyheepublishing.com throughout the project for updates on possible shutdowns.

"As much as possible, we'll let people in the area know," Bauer said of spreading word of service outages.

Bauer said that Sommer Construction crews are responsible for canvassing neighborhoods that will be affected by distributing fliers. But City Hall also has a contact list for businesses and agencies that rely on water, such as the fire department, restaurants, beauty shops and schools.

"We appreciate the residents' patience, and if there are any concerns or things people feel may have been overlooked while working in front of their yards, they should call the city," Bauer said.

Stevens and Sons of Boise also finished drilling a test well in Riverside Park on Thursday after 2 1/2 days of work on a \$22,000 bid.

Bauer said the firm was expected to pump water Monday to draw samples to test the quantity available. After testing the quantity, quality tests will be conducted, Bauer said.

"If either of those parameters aren't acceptable, then we'll go in another direction," Bauer said. "If the hole is good, it'll be bid out for a well."

—JPB



School offers condolences to family

Several students and staff members at Homedale High School signed a poster for student Laken Hiser and her family. Laken is the sister of Jessica Hiser, who died in an automobile accident Thursday north of Wilder.

Car crash touches Homedale

Funeral today at LDS church for woman killed in Wilder accident

Staff at Homedale High School swung into action Thursday to help students cope with the death of a friend.

Jessica Hiser, the 19-year-old woman killed in a three-car crash that morning north of Wilder, had many ties to the Homedale community. Her younger sister, Laken, is a student at Homedale High School.

Students met with counselor Kelly DeWitt after news of the fatal accident reached campus.

"Teachers were instructed to allow any student who was struggling with the emotional aspects of the situation to leave the classroom setting and meet with the school counselor," high school principal Mike Williams said.

Williams also said that a few students took advantage of an option to check out of school to be with family members, but most discussion occurred directly between students.

DeWitt said teachers permitted their students to gather in small private groups during the day to

discuss their feelings.

Jessica Hiser's funeral will be held at 1 p.m. today at the Homedale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on West Idaho Avenue. There is a viewing at the church from noon to 12:45 p.m. today, and interment will be at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell after the funeral.

Williams said the school will provide follow-up counseling and support today, if students need it.

DeWitt said some parents arrived at the school Thursday to tell their children of the automobile accident.

On Friday, students and staff filled a poster with condolences for the Hiser family.

Hiser died Thursday morning in what was originally reported by Canyon County Sheriff's deputies as a two-vehicle accident north of Wilder on U.S. Highway 95. Authorities said slick roads and winter weather were factors in the crash.

Friday afternoon, Canyon County Sheriff's Lt. Daren

Ward reported that new evidence showed that Hiser, who was driving northbound in a 2005 Hyundai, apparently rear-ended a third car before she collided with a 1999 GMC driven southbound by a 41-year-old Jordan Valley man. The accident occurred at 7:14 a.m. at the highway's intersection with Fern Road.

The sheriff's office said the third vehicle was stopped and signaling to turn left onto Fern Road when Hiser's Hyundai collided with it. The report said the driver of the third vehicle spoke with deputies at the scene of the crash but failed to tell deputies he was involved in the crash.

The driver of the GMC was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell with minor injuries. Ward said there were no plans to release the name of the man.

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Winter weather wreaks havoc

Snow and wind created white-out conditions near Bruneau on Saturday night, causing the Idaho Transportation Department to consider closing Idaho highway 51.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Office dispatch records indicate that blowing snow and drifts up to three feet high on the roadway reduced Idaho 51 to one lane on Saturday night and again on Sunday evening, and icy conditions caused numerous slide-offs.

Seven people were reported overdue in the area on Sunday in three separate weather-related incidents. Two of the incidents happened in the Jordan Valley area. The first involved two people who went out to find a pair of lost hunting dogs on Flint Creek Road. Searchers looked for the pair from around 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. before the missing folks turned up safe and sound.

In the second Jordan Valley incident, Owyhee County Sheriff's personnel were able to locate a man who was stuck in the snow on Trout Creek Road.

The third incident involved four people who had gone sledding in the Mud Flat area near Grand View. The group's truck had gotten stuck in the snow. The party left the stuck truck and had been walking for seven hours before posse members located them.

On Thursday, a Marsing resident reported that someone had broken into his shop and stolen a cache of weapons. Sheriff Gary Aman said that among the missing weapons were knives and 22 guns, including rifles, pistols, and a shotgun. The resident said that the theft most likely occurred in November. The owner of the weapons was unable to provide serial numbers for any of the missing guns.

Also on Thursday, Woodrow Rabey, 54, of Grand View was arrested and charged with DUI after Sheriff's deputies found him asleep in his car, which was in a ditch off Whitted Lane in Grand View.

On Jan. 28, Gabriel Hamilton, 29, of Marsing was cited for leaving the scene of an accident after he allegedly hit a power pole behind former Marsing mayor Don Osterhoudt's home, causing minor damage to Osterhoudt's property. Osterhoudt was without power for a time, and Idaho Power was dispatched to make repairs.


Three people were charged with burglary and grand theft after the sheriff's office received a tip regarding the Jan. 27 burglary of a construction site in Marsing. George Hance, 20, Mario Moreno, 20, and Andrew Collingwood, 21, all of Marsing were cited in the thefts.

— RTH

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✓ Indigent: Emergency situations make it difficult to eliminate illegals

medical indigency applicants must be residents of the county for six months, Deputy Welfare Clerk Belle Evans, who is in charge of screening applicants, said that no one can be turned away in an emergency situation such as a car accident. She said it's impossible to screen applications submitted by hospitals before emergency care is provided.

"If they're in Owyhee County, we're still the obligated county," she said. "And it's not just illegal aliens. If someone comes up from California and lives here for a month and has an emergency, we're still obligated."

Sherburn said that although Idaho Code 31-505 mandates counties pay indigent care, Owyhee is careful not to encourage abuse of the system. But there is little protection against illegal aliens tapping into the fund when emergencies arise.

"There isn't any abuse. The only abuse that we feel we have — and this has been addressed, they've tried to get through legislation — is illegal aliens," Sherburn said.

"They don't have to establish residency. If they come right up from Mexico and they have a car wreck, we're responsible and there really isn't any reimbursement on that."

Evans, who submits cases to the commissioners for approval after her investigations, said hospitals and doctors also are a line of defense against fraud. Hospitals and doctors both have the application forms, she said, and sometimes the health professionals refer a non-emergency patient to the Murphy office.

Evans said it's not part of her job to determine if the applicant is an illegal alien.

"I can't even ask them if they're illegal," she said. "I don't think it's my job to judge people and where they come from."

"My job is to do the investigation, and if they're medically indigent, they're medically indigent."

Sherburn said that none of the cases involving illegal aliens have been turned down since 2003.

"The hospitals have to take them," Evans said, adding that cases involving illegal aliens

County indigent expenses	
2007	
Total cases	50
Cases approved	28
Cases denied	22
Catastrophic designations	26
County cost	\$269,536
Per-approval average	\$9,626.80
Illegal alien applications	7
Total of illegal alien claims	\$219,137
2006	
Total cases	59
Cases approved	36
Cases denied	23
Catastrophic designations	23
County cost	\$307,031
Per-approval average	\$8,528.64
Illegal alien applications	9
Total of illegal alien claims	\$433,974
2005	
Total cases	60
Cases approved	38
Cases denied	22
Catastrophic designations	38
County cost	\$297,225
Per-approval average	\$7,821.71
Illegal alien applications	7
Total of illegal alien claims	\$39,433
2004	
Total cases	66
Cases approved	38
Cases denied	28
Catastrophic designations	32
County cost	\$248,836
Per-approval average	6,548.32
Illegal alien applications	11
Total of illegal alien claims	\$107,258
Note — The total of illegal alien claims includes the amount submitted to the state for consideration under the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program.	

generally are emergency situations.

Overall, the county is still waiting for more than \$705,000 in indigent care repayments dating back to 2004 — an average of more than \$5,000 per case.

Sherburn said the county is responsible for the first \$10,000 of every approved claim, with the State of Idaho's Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program picking up the balance of the claims.

Since 2004, the county has spent a total of \$1,122,628 on indigent care while receiving just \$415,276 back in payments. Not all the \$415,276 came directly from the patients, though.

Sherburn points out that some of the reimbursements come in the form of refunds from hospitals on cases later approved by Medicaid.

Sherburn said that the state petitions the county for reimbursement of the catastrophic fund, so the majority of the money on those cases never make it back into county coffers.

"Anything anymore is catastrophic. There are very few," Sherburn said. "Two days in the hospital, and it's catastrophic."

In the past four years, 126 of the 140 cases (90 percent) were referred to the state for catastrophic reimbursement.

The largest case the county has handled since 2003 was a bill for \$345,878, Sherburn said. The claim involved an illegal alien, and Sherburn said the county saw no money back.

Evans said that it has been her experience that illegal aliens pay back their debt with the same regularity as citizens.

"They pay back as good if not better than (legal residents)," she said, adding that two exceptions are two massive car wrecks involving illegal aliens.

Sherburn said the county usually sets up payment plans with indigent claimants, asking for between \$25 and \$200 a month depending on the person's financial situation. Idaho Code 31-505 authorizes the county to place a lien on a person's property to ensure repayment.

"We truly hate to send people to collections," Evans said. "If they need their payment lowered, they have to appear before the commissioners."

Evans said that there are about 90 accounts still open — excluding accounts that have been turned over to collection agencies — and that some of those interest-free payment plans date back to the 1990s.

Evans has 20 days to complete investigations for non-emergency cases and 45 days to investigate emergency cases.

In non-emergency cases, she conducts an interview with the petitioner to determine if the criteria are met.

There are five points to the criteria. Claimants must prove:

- That they have been residents of the county for the previous six months (Evans said this is difficult to apply to emergency situations).
- That they are medically indigent, that is financially unable to pay the medical bills they are facing.
- That the county indigent fund option is their last resort.
- That the procedure was medically necessary, as proven with documentation from a doctor.
- That the medical costs were reasonable.

Evans requires six months' worth of rent receipts, power bills

and phone bills as proof of county residency.

"There's a lot of paperwork they have to bring," she said. "It can be intimidating, but I need that paperwork to complete the application."

After her investigation is complete, Evans presents her findings to the commissioners in a confidential setting. The board has 15 days to return an initial determination, at which time the applicant has 28 days to file an appeal of a denial.

During an early January board meeting, commissioners approved three cases, including the first two of 2008 and the last of 50 submitted in 2007, and assigned two others for the Catastrophic Fund.

Commissioners were asked to rule on 66 cases in 2004, the highest number in the past five years. Thirty-eight of those cases were approved — including 11 involving illegals and 32 to the Catastrophic Fund. Commissioners denied 28 cases that year.

Since 2003, the acceptance rate is about 59 percent (169 of 285 cases filed).

According to Idaho Code, people seeking financial assistance for medical expenses must file sworn applications with the county, but the law does provide for applications from third parties if the applicants are unable to complete the form.

State law provides that followup medical services based on a treatment plan will be available for six months from the date of the original application. But after six months, another application must be filed 10 days before the patient receives additional treatment.

Applicants must file within 31 days of receiving emergency medical treatment or hospitalization, according to state code. They also can file for assistance within 10 days of necessary non-emergency medical services.

A delayed application (within six months of the incident) is allowed if an applicant has filed for other state or federal aid within 45 days.

— JPB

✓ County: Newest QRU operation will be known as Central Owyhee

not absolute when balancing the right of the individual to become a candidate for office and the County's interests in promoting the efficiency of the public services it performs through its employees."

The county bases the "reasonable prediction of disruption" on the size of the affected office, the degree of contact between the potential candidate and the incumbent, whether or not the employee "holds

a position of trust and confidence to the incumbent," and whether or not the prospective candidate is running for a position in which he would replace or become superior to the current officeholder.

The incumbent is charged with making the decision as to whether the employee's candidacy creates a reasonable prediction of disruption.

The policy states that the

officeholder "should set out, in writing, the factual basis" for declaring the potentially disruptive condition. "Said written findings should be provided to the employee, placed in the employee's personnel file and be made a part of the official record," the policy further states.

If the employee refuses to resign after the incumbent makes such a determination, his employment

can be terminated.

Also, the commissioners set the rate for the county's weed control services on private land at \$50 per hour for labor, plus a mileage fee of 45 cents per mile and the cost of chemicals used, with a minimum fee of \$50.

In another unanimous vote, commissioners approved a letter of intent to increase 2009-10 funding for the Owyhee

Conservation District by 20 percent. The county's contribution to the district will be \$3,000.

In one item from the Jan. 28 meeting, Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Chief Jim Mackenzie informed the commissioners that the emergency medical services wing of the department should be known as Central Owyhee Quick Response Unit.

— RTH

Obituary

Betty Berdeen (Backer) Brandau

Betty was born July 18, 1922 in Nampa, Idaho to Byrdie (Laura Ann) Samuel and Chris (Christopher John) Backer and passed away February 3, 2008 in Boise, Idaho. The midwife who delivered Betty was a little hard of hearing and when she filled out Betty's birth certificate wrongly recorded her middle name as "Verdene". She was the youngest of four children, earning her the lifelong nickname of "Babe".

Betty was raised in the Lone Tree Community and attended Nampa schools. She loved to play softball and was proud of being a great pitcher. After completing high school she attended Lewiston State Normal School in Lewiston, Idaho and received her teaching certificate August 14, 1942 and her college diploma on May 24, 1943.

She was hired for her first teaching job, 1941-42, by her Lone Tree neighbor Vernon Woodman, then Principal at Central in Nampa where she taught 8th grade boys PE. Although that was an unusual position for a woman she quickly earned the boys' respect as a baseball player during the first week of school by connecting with a good pitch sending the ball clear over the fence and across the highway. Her second year of teaching, school year 1942-43, was at the one-room schoolhouse in the Wilson Community in Owyhee County. The teachers then would usually board with a member of the community. Betty stayed with Clifford and Gertrude McMahan. She met Clifford's friend and Gertrude's brother, Henry Brandau, while staying with them. They started dating, going ice skating, to movies and playing cards with friends.

Betty and Henry were married on May 29, 1944 in Nampa, Idaho. They moved to Melba, just north of the Butte, where they farmed. Their daughters, Becky and Merle

were born while they lived there. In 1946 they purchased the home place on Reynolds Creek from his parents and moved to the Schuster place while Henry's parents, George and Minnie, built a new home. Two weeks after the birth of their son Richard, in 1948, they moved into the house on the ranch where they would live for the next 55 years.

Betty devoted her life to her family. She was a 4-H leader, hauled kids to ball games, 4-H meetings, and the County fair. She always had a meal ready or coffee and sweets for anyone who dropped by. She had a passion for "doing ceramics". She and Henry loved to play pinochle, both at home with friends and family, and at community pinochle parties at the Wilson Schoolhouse. Betty was a charter and lifelong member of the Wilson Sage Hens, a ladies group founded in 1949. She was a lifelong member of the Melba Rebekkah's Lodge and helped every year at the Melba Community Auction. She was proud of the article in the county paper that publicly recognized her for more than 50 continuous years of serving on the Wilson election board. She was chosen as Citizen of the Year by the Melba Community (and given a place of honor in the 4th of July parade) and cherished the plaque she received. Betty worked at the Melba schools as both a substitute teacher and as secretary of the Melba Grade School until she retired in 1980. She took up league bowling and got to travel a bit with her bowling buddies. Betty loved to sew and cook and was famous in the Valley for her rolls and her giant Valentine sugar cookies. She hated house cleaning and yard work much preferring to spend her time on social activities and shopping. But most of all she was a great Mom and wonderful

"Grammaw Betty". A decline in health precipitated a move to SunBridge Healthcare in the fall of 2003. Betty recovered and moved into SunBridge Retirement in order to stay near Henry. She visited him faithfully everyday making the trip on her power chair that we all called her "little red convertible". Betty moved into assisted living at SunBridge in the spring of 2007 and deteriorating health sent her back into total healthcare in November.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Byrdie and Chris Backer; her brothers Bill and Harold Backer of Seldovia, Alaska; her daughter Merle Malmberg of Marsing, Idaho; a grandson Jeremy Stewart of Casper, Wyoming. Her immediate surviving family are her sister, Adella McMahon, Portland, Or; her daughter and son-in-law Becky and Don Stewart of Casper, Wyoming, former son-in-law Bruce Malmberg and his wife Nancy of Marsing, Idaho, son and daughter-in-law Richard and Connie Brandau of Wilson, Idaho; grandchildren: Shelly and David Petzold, Middleton, Wisconsin; Cindy and Jack Truitt, Oak Point, Texas; Joe and Yayoi Malmberg, Nagoya Aichi, Japan; Barry and Anna Malmberg, Philomath, Oregon; K.C. and Kristine Brandau, Meridian, Idaho; Jody and Kyle Moos, Wilson, Idaho; great-grandchildren: Ashley and Shelby Brandau; Hannah Moos; Rachel, Paul and Eli Petzold; Dylan Malmberg; Kate and Rio Malmberg.

Funeral services will be at 3 P.M. February 9th and are under the direction of Alsip Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Avenue South, Nampa, Idaho. After the service friends and family are invited to share memories and dinner at the Melba Senior Center, 115 Base Line Road, Melba, Idaho from 4 to 7 P.M.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Feb. 6: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.
- Feb. 7: Hamburger or fish sandwich, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
- Feb. 8: No School.
- Feb. 11: Wiener trap or chicken bacon melt, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispy bar, milk.
- Feb. 12: Beef or chicken taco, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 13: Chicken sandwich or rib-b-que, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cake, milk.

Homedale Middle

- Feb. 6: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.
- Feb. 7: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, bread stick, milk.
- Feb. 8: No School.
- Feb. 11: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
- Feb. 12: Fish nuggets or mini corn dogs, rice, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.
- Feb. 13: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

- Feb. 6: Lasagna, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 7: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, sherbet cup, milk.
- Feb. 8: Chicken taco or French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 11: Pepperoni pizza, nachos or chef salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
- Feb. 12: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, green beans, fortune cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Feb. 13: Idaho haystack, burrito or pizza hot pocket, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon rolls, milk.

Marsing

- Feb. 6: Waffles, scrambled eggs, ham, strawberries, milk, chicken patty, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- Feb. 7: Enchilada casserole, rice, fruit, milk, chicken fajitas, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- Feb. 8: Tacos, chocolate pudding, fruit, veggie, milk, sub sandwich, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- Feb. 11: Burrito, rice, fruit, milk, hamburger, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- Feb. 12: Spaghetti, salad, fruit, milk, chicken nuggets, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- Feb. 13: Red Baron pizza, salad, fruit, milk, egg roll, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

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Your finances

In-laws can help, but not hover on children's finances

Dear Dave,

Our son has been married for about four years, and he and his wife are having financial issues. They have completely different views on money. She always wants the best and most expensive things, and she buys like this for their son, too. They make enough to get by, but they're definitely not rich. What can we tell him when he asks for advice?

— Sue

Dear Sue,

Number one, make sure he never goes back to her spouting things like, "My mom and dad said . . ." Remember back when you were first married? You didn't want your mother-in-law always hovering around and telling YOU what to do either, right?

If he can't get her to realize that these habits are hurting them and their child — and if it's something they're going to continually butt heads over — it would be smart for them to sit down with a good pastor or marriage counselor. This doesn't mean they're about to get divorced, but it sounds like the engine is running a little rough and needs a tune-up. And this tune-up needs to come from an objective third party.

I know you guys are concerned because you love them and you care. But if she feels like her husband AND her in-laws are ganging up on her it could do more harm than good!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are both retired. We're on Social Security and Medicare, plus I receive a small pension. We still have a mortgage of about \$24,000 and a second mortgage of \$14,000. We've got a nest egg of \$40,000 saved up, along with a small annuity that's worth about \$20,000. Should we use our savings to pay off the mortgages?

— Bob

Dear Bob,

The idea of paying off the house and everything is awfully tempting, but if you did you'd be sitting there with virtually nothing left. And that's scary.

I think I'd just pay the house off gradually. Your nest egg is kind of small, so I don't think I'd be raiding it right now. Now, if you'd said you have \$340,000 saved up I'd tell you to pay off the house in a heartbeat!

What you need, Bob, is a plan. Start by making a monthly budget, and give every dollar a name on paper before the month begins. If you make sure you're living



on less than what's coming in, you can formulate a plan to have the house paid off in just a few years.

I'd love to see everyone living debt-free, but being broke in a house that's paid for is not the way to go!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Our mortgage company recently told us that they aren't required to pay our taxes early. We want them to do this, so that we can get a discount on the amount. Can we just tell them we're not going to pay escrow anymore and take care of the taxes ourselves?

— Nancy

Dear Nancy,

No, you can't. Your mortgage papers dictate that they have the right to escrow that money. The only way you could get out of this is to refinance your loan with another credit union or bank that doesn't require you to escrow.

Most standard mortgages require that you pay one-twelfth of your homeowners insurance and taxes into this account. Your problem is that these guys are inefficient and aren't paying your taxes in time for you to get the discount!

If I were you, Nancy, I'd climb the ladder and go over someone's head on this thing. Make some noise and rattle a few cages with this company. I'll bet you can get the problem fixed!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. 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

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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
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893
Rod and Gun Club meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. E., Homedale
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., tickets: \$28 for family, \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$4 for first- through sixth-graders, \$2 for preschoolers, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale
Marsing Lions Club bingo
6:45 p.m. early game, 7 p.m. regular start, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Monday
Homedale School District board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.
Melba School District board 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 for first- through third-graders
4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Pure Word recovery meeting
7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641
DivorceCare recovery support group
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151
Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122
Grand View City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday
Owyhee Watershed Council meeting
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Thursday, Feb. 14
Owyhee Conservation District board meeting
10 a.m., 250 N Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544
EI-Ada Community Action Partnership commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812
Exercise class
11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
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
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893
Adrian School District board meeting
7 p.m., Adrian School Library
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
8 p.m., county fairgrounds, Homedale. (208) 337-4575

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, 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 jbrowneditor@cablone.net. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Homedale International Smorgasbord

✓ Smorgasbord: Event slated for Saturday

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yong and a rice bowl.

• The European booth features spaghetti and meat balls and will be chaired by Wendy Vaughan.

Other booth chairs include Melanie Harper for salad, Cami Lane for dessert and Jamie and Travis Kraupp for beverages.

Heidi Nash, who is serving as co-chair with her husband, Ryan, this year, distributed the final prizes to the top-selling sixth-graders at HMS on Friday. Tracy and Dwayne Fisher served as chairs for the event this year.

Pat Warren's class was the top-selling group of students, hauling in \$1,926 — more than \$1,000 of which came in the last week. One of Warren's students, Esteban Lejardi, was the top individual with \$1,027 in ticket sales.

Lejardi won \$100 cash as top seller, and he and his classmates will feast on Idaho Pizza Co. pizza.

Prizes from Idaho Pizza Co., Subway, Moxie Java, the HMS school store, Matteson's and Homedale Drive-In went to the top sellers each week.

Rounding out the top three sellers for the entire ticket drive, which began in December, were second place Emylee Obregon of Kelly Schamber's class, who sold \$645 in tickets, and Riley Maggard-Qualls from David Hann's class, who brought in \$374.

The sixth-graders raised \$6,095 during the monthlong ticket drive.

More money will be raised Saturday through an auction of baskets created by different groups of students at all grade levels throughout the school district. Erica Dines and Michelle Larzelier are coordinating.

A more recent tradition — the Smorgasbord Art Show — will be presented again this year with elementary school teacher Shannon Johnson and high school teacher Katy Belanger serving as organizers.

Age groups for the art show include elementary, middle school, high school and adult. Cash awards and ribbons for grand prize and the first three prizes will be awarded for school-age divisions, while the adult artwork is for exhibition only.

Art show entries must be brought to the elementary school music room by 10:30 a.m. Friday. Organizers ask that the artwork be matted or mounted if possible.

Homedale School District students at all levels will serve as judges, and work entered in previous years may not be entered again.

The artwork can be picked up on Saturday after 6:30 p.m., or on Monday at the elementary school office.

— JPB



Final Smorgasbord winners announced

Above: Homedale Middle School sixth-graders Riley Maggard-Qualls, left, and Esteban Lejardi were two of the three top sellers from the monthlong ticket drive. Lejardi won \$100 cash as the top seller, while Emylee Obregon (pictured at left) finished second. **Below:** The Week 4 winners were, from left, Quincy Hall, Lesa Folwell's class (\$84), Obregon (pictured at right), Kelly Schamber's class (\$200), Genny Barroso, David Hann's class (\$176) and Lejardi, Pat Warren's class (\$628).



Emylee Obregon



47th Homedale International Smorgasbord

When — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday

Where — Homedale Elementary School

Why — To raise money to fulfill needs throughout the Homedale School District

Tickets — \$28, families; \$7, adults; \$5, senior citizens; \$4, first- through sixth-graders, \$2, preschoolers

What else — An auction of baskets created by school district students and an art show with four divisions (elementary, middle school, high school and adult) and cash prizes for the student categories.

Service stretches over generations

In a tongue-in-cheek way, the Homedale International Smorgasbord can be likened to the Mafia.

No one ever leaves; there is always a connection.

If that's the case, Bette Uda is the Godmother.

"It's a lot of work for everybody, but I think people enjoy doing it," Uda said. "The positive response from all the people that come and some of the remarks that people say when they come. "They say it is just a wonderful project, and it's really brought the community together."

A strong community activist, Uda came up with the idea for the Smorgasbord during a Homedale PTA meeting nearly a half-century ago.

"I suggested that since we have a diversification of ethnic families in Homedale, we could have a diversity of international food," she said. "And it's been snowballing ever since."

The snowball has covered three generations.

Uda has stepped away as chair of the Oriental booth. But Uda and her middle school kitchen co-workers — Chitose Itano and Young Ho Park — have left an indelible — and delicious — mark on the event.

Itano and Uda have been involved with the Smorgasbord since its inception.

"A lot of credit goes to Young Ho," Uda said of the head cook at Homedale Middle School. "She's cooking all day long at the middle school and then transports the food to the grade school."

Uda is a lifetime member of the Homedale PTA. She served several terms as the town's first woman city councilmember. She's a member of the Caldwell Community Foundation, which gives grants to projects in small towns, such as Toni Kelly's effort to bring playground equipment to Sundance Park. She used to report Homedale news for the old Nampa Free Press. She also served as secretary of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce.

She's been in Homedale since the 1940s, when her family moved here from Cascade.

And, although she is retired now, anyone who knows Bette will tell you that she's not disappearing. She still works part-time in the middle school kitchen.

"There are lots of things I've got to do yet," she said.

Lori Emry has taken over as chair for the Oriental booth, but Uda will serve the food this year. She has been dishing out Asian cuisine since the booth began serving

chow mein in the early 1960s.

Uda is pleased to see the success of the Smorgasbord, which draws in more than \$20,000 annually. The first Smorgasbord netted about \$4,000, she said.

"What inspires me is the young set of parents coming in to work with the Smorgasbord," Uda said. "Like Toni Kelly and her desire and drive to do things in the community."

Bridging the generations between Uda and Kelly and Emry is Homedale High School book-



Bette Uda



Leanda Uranga

keeper and main office attendant Leanda Uranga. She worked at the Smorgasbord while still in high school and then became a food booth chair in 1974 when she and her husband, Dan, moved back to town. The Urangas were co-chairs for the event when the new Homedale Elementary School lunchroom was built in the late 1980s.

"They built the lunchroom with the Smorgasbord in mind and put the plugs up high," she said, adding that electrical cords were taped to the floor to reduced tripping hazards before the new lunchroom was built.

Uranga was pulled into service in the salad booth after word got out that she had moved back to town. Her mother, LaVila Johnstone, worked in that booth, too.

She chaired the salad booth and then served as co-chair. She became chair of the European booth, which serves Italian food, when Loretta Hopkins moved away.

"The unspoken rule with booth chairmen is you have to do it until you find someone else," Uranga said, resisting the urge to slap a Sicilian accent on the statement. "When you get to be chair, it's kind of hard to get out."

Well, this year, Uranga has found someone. Wendy Vaughan is the new European booth chair.

But there were negotiations — Uranga's daughter, Camille Henry, and daughter-in-law, Jennifer Uranga, will also work while grandma babysits.

"... They keep pullin' me back in."

"I think that it's a total community effort is what it's been from the time it started," Leanda Uranga said. "All the ethnicities in the community plus all the age groups come together. You see different ethnicities working on the booths, but you also see older members working with younger members."

"That's what makes it so unique."

— JPB

Mission accomplished

Mtn. View Nazarene missionaries return enriched

Members ready to share Argentina work with public later this month

Submitted by Mountain View Church of the Nazarene

Folks can find out next week exactly what members of the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene were up to last month when they traveled Argentina.

The church will present a Celebration Service on Feb. 17 during its regular Sunday morning service. The service, which is open to everybody, begins at 10:30 a.m. and will include missionaries talking about presenting a slideshow on their work in Pilar, Argentina, and the surrounding area.

Two dozen church members landed in Buenos Aires on Jan. 11-12, depending on their travel schedules from Boise, and then traveled by bus to Pilar to participate in the Extreme Nazarene mission project.

Pilar is just about an hour's drive from Buenos Aires. Argentina is steeped in tradition and history. Argentina is a Spanish-speaking country.

The missionaries' adventure consisted of one major purpose with several other goals that needed to be completed to further the work of Christ in Argentina. The vision is to set up a central location in which the gospel of Christ may be taken to every village.

The major thrust was to complete and dedicate the convention center, called the Bruno Radi Convention Center, in Pilar. The mission was accomplished through the work of 500 travelers from 15 nations in which the Nazarene Church has already established an outreach. The Nazarene Church is already reaching out in approximately 150 world countries. The travelers were assigned to one of the 10 new church plants that were located in the surrounding villages.

Mountain View church Pastor Chuck Ryan was assigned as a church plant leader of the Moreno Dimini Church. His delegation consisted of the Mountain View members, several other individuals from the U.S. along with others from Panama, Guatemala, Mexico and Brazil. We had as many as 64 people traveling with us to the Moreno Dimini church site.

Pastor Chuck had the privilege of preaching with the aid of an interpreter three times. Since it

was his first time speaking with an interpreter, he states that it was both "challenging and exciting." The work of this great mission project will continue for years to come. Approximately 750 individuals accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and began their new life in "Christ" with a commitment to fulfill God's purpose on Earth.

This mission was executed with great sacrifice, hard work and determination on the part of the 500 total travelers. With great joy, the work and dedication was completed.

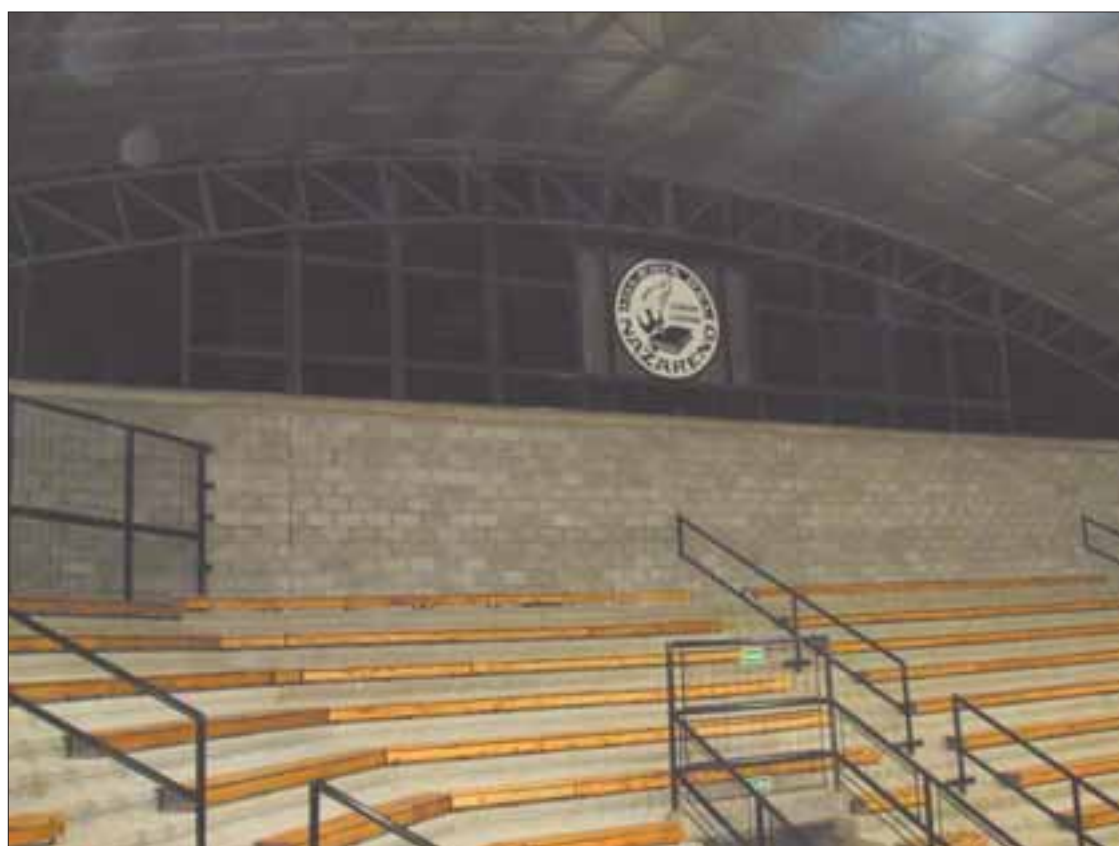
The United Extreme Nazarene Choir and other worship groups prepared the way with praise and worship as approximately 1,500 people entered into the presence of the Lord through thanksgiving and praise. With a great sense of accomplishment, the weary travelers returned to their homes, families, and occupations, after almost three weeks of work.

As an addition to the Extreme purpose, the travelers broke up into teams to build churches, work on community services projects, such as painting the homeless shelter, replacing a roof, cleaning up and enhancing neighborhoods, delivering clothing, toys and school supplies. The emphasis of our travelers was to be the extended arm of the love of Christ to the nation. Four of the recent church plants received their charter into the greater Nazarene church and were established as individual local Nazarene churches.

Also there was a collective effort to minister to the women of Argentina who were incarcerated, through Prison Ministry, and two women conferences. Mrs. Idaho 2002, Lonna Vopat, 2002, was the keynote speaker for the ministry effort.

The 24 missionaries from Mountain View believe the trip to Argentina was a great success and found it a privilege to serve God and our fellow man in this manner.

Each one of us has concluded that we have grown as people and in our faith in Christ Jesus from our time in this service. We want to thank everyone who has prayed or contributed financially. May God richly bless all who were involved.



Nazarene church completes its work

Above: The upper level of the convention center in Pilar, Argentina, which was completed and dedicated last month. **Right:** Part of the Mountain View group, including: back row, from left, Dave Holton, Betty Holton, Pam Doramus, Jim Doramus, Rowdy Lair and Rod Price; and front row, from left, Melissa Loucks, Lachelle Wood, Emily Loucks, Mandy Shenk, Matt Zimmerman, Patti Price and Jim Dunn. Submitted photos



Delivering direction through actions

Left: Pastor Chuck Ryan of the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, left, speaks to a group through his interpreter, Carlos Morales, during the mission to Argentina. **Below:** Members of several different Nazarene churches made trips to South America to help in the construction of a convention center and several churches. Submitted photos



Men's Wild Game Feed planned

Mark Cox, an avid bowhunter and minister, will be the guest speaker Feb. 16 at the fourth annual Men's Wild Game Feed and live auction at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

The public event, open to fathers and sons, begins at 6 p.m. and the

church is located at 26515 Ustick Road. There will be a sporting goods auction and a door prize.

Tickets are \$7 per person and will be available through church men's group members and at the door the night of the event. For more information, call 337-3151.

Death notices

JESSICA S. HISER, 19, of Wilder died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, the result of an automobile accident. Viewing was held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale and will held from noon to 12:45 today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Homedale. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today at the church. Interment will follow at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell.

NOAH DAVID RODRIGUEZ, infant son to Alfredo and

Hermelinda Rodriguez, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008 at a Boise hospital. Arrangements were under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

JOSEPHINE J. "JOSIE" SWISHER, 82, of Jordan Valley, Ore., died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008 at home. Graveside services will be held at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008 at the Jordan Valley Cemetery under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. A dinner will follow for family and friends at the Catholic church parish hall.

Senior menu

Homedale Center

- Feb. 6: Chicken patty/bun, chili con carne, beverage.
- Feb. 7: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, beverage.
- Feb. 12: Beef burritos, refried beans, rice, beverage.
- Feb. 13: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, carrots, beverage.

Homedale cheerleaders conduct youth camp

The Homedale High School cheerleaders' annual youth camp continues today at Homedale Elementary School. The camp, which is open to kindergarteners through fifth-graders, began Monday and continues from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. today at the elementary school and Friday at the high school. Although the camp already has

begun, high school cheerleading advisor Karolyn Munster said that entries still will be taken at camp today. The registration fee is \$35. Forms are available at the elementary school as well. The camp culminates with a performance at Friday's 3A Snake River Valley conference boys basketball game between Homedale and Payette.

White Owyhees



Weekend snowfall hits county mountains

After dodging the heavy snows that hit most of the rest of the Treasure Valley during the week, the Owyhee Mountains received its share of the white stuff during the weekend. The snowcapped peaks south of Melba were a picturesque backdrop for the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association's winter meeting in Oreana on Saturday.

HSD schools set conferences

Two schools in the Homedale School District is preparing for parent-teacher conferences in the coming days. Homedale High School will hold conferences from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. today. Homedale Middle School has set aside two days for conferences next week. Teachers of fifth- through sixth-graders will meet with their

students' parents from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Feb. 14. "We hope that many parents of our middle school students will attend these conferences. We are planning for this to be the best ever turnout at the MS," HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness said. "If the scheduled time frame does not work well for some

parents, please call and let us know what day or time is better and we will make arrangements to meet with parents at their convenience. The key for us to meet with parents and to continue to partner with them in meeting the needs to their child." Parent-teacher conferences for Homedale Elementary School are scheduled for March 18-20.

Bruneau Boosters dinner, auction set Feb. 23

The Bruneau Booster Club is on the lookout for donations for its upcoming fundraiser and auction, set for Feb. 23 at the Bruneau American Legion Post 83 Hall. Organizers are seeking items for the auction, which will have a live and a silent portion. For more information on

donating items, call (208) 845-2842, (208) 845-2282 or (208) 845-2552. New items and/or "white elephants" can be dropped off at the Legion Hall, 32536 Belle Ave., in Bruneau, between noon and 4 p.m. on Feb. 22 or before 4 p.m. on Feb. 23. The annual event will begin

at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 23 with a dinner featuring what organizers are calling "More," tossed salad, French bread, punch and coffee. Homemade pie will be available for \$1 per slice. The live and silent auctions will begin around 7 p.m. with local auctioneers Kyle Colyer and Dick Strickland conducting.

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P&Z comment period extended

The public comment period on proposed changes to the Owyhee County planning and zoning code has been extended until 5 p.m. next Wednesday.

In the wake of misconceptions and confusion about the amendments, county P&Z administrator Mary Huff and hearing officer Fred Grant recently produced a 48-page analysis of the amendments. The document, aimed at making the intent of the changes clear, is available online at www.owyheecounty.net under the "Planning and Zoning" tab on the left-hand side of the home page.

Huff said that in addition to the online version of the analysis, county workers distributed copies to the Jordan Valley area, and copies also are available at the P&Z office in Murphy.

The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to extend the public comment period during a meeting last Wednesday. The next P&Z meeting is today in Murphy.

Huff said that while there were dozens of opponents lined up at Jan. 23 public hearing in Murphy, she also has received phone calls in support of the proposed changes.

"It is less restrictive than our current ordinance," Huff said. "The only additional restriction is the prohibition of planned communities and planned developments that aren't compatible with rural land use."

During the lengthy public hearing last month, many testified that setting 160 acres as the minimum lot size that required a conditional use permit for development in an agricultural zone was infringing on their private property rights.

"Our code directs us that we need to have a minimum lot size, and this amendment means if you have this minimum lot size you won't have to go through the permitting process," county P&Z commission chair Connie Brandau said during Saturday's winter meeting of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association in Oreana.

In other P&Z news:

- The parties involved in the Falcon Butte Farms conditional use permit case have until Friday to submit further comment.
- The group controlling the land on which the 1,600-megawatt Idaho Energy Complex nuclear power plant has been proposed near Bruneau has resubmitted at CUP application for two meteorological towers and two construction trailers that already are on the site. Huff said the application was resubmitted Jan. 15, and a tentative hearing has been set for the first part of next month.
- Huff said that a decision is expected soon on the Marsing-based DeRuyter Dairy's request to expand its operation on Buntrock Road.

— JPB

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday afternoon, Owyhee Reservoir was 27 percent full, holding 194,072 acre-feet of water.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 12:30 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30):

Date	Reynolds Creek		Temperatures		
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
01/29	9.7	27	13	17	
01/30	9.9	23	16	19	
01/31	9.9	21	15	18	
02/01	10.1	28	20	25	
02/02	10.1	26	19	22	
02/03	10.3	26	16	20	
02/04	10.8	28	18	24	

Current snow depth is 23 inches.

Date	South Mountain		Temperatures		
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
01/29	16.0	29	13	16	
01/30	16.7	23	16	19	
01/31	16.9	23	14	18	
02/01	17.6	28	19	24	
02/02	17.8	28	19	21	
02/03	18.6	27	16	21	
02/04	19.5	29	17	23	

Current snow depth is 61 inches.

Date	Mud Flat		Temperatures		
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
01/29	8.2	34	16	22	
01/30	8.8	27	17	22	
01/31	8.8	33	12	22	
02/01	9.2	33	17	26	
02/02	9.3	37	18	23	
02/03	10.0	30	14	23	
02/04	10.6	37	21	29	

Current snow depth is 42 inches.

Health screenings set for Homedale

Life Line Screening, a provider of ultrasound vascular screening, is offering screenings for stroke risk, vascular disease, and osteoporosis risk in the Homedale area.

Screening clinics are scheduled at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., on Feb. 16, and at Friends Community Church on U.S. Highway 95 north of Homedale on Feb. 18.

Appointments are required for the screenings, and are available beginning at 9 a.m. at both locations.

The cost of a wellness package with heart rhythm screening is \$139 at Friends Community Church, and \$159 in Homedale. The provider, Life Line Screening of Cleveland, did not respond to requests to explain the reason for the price difference before press time.

According to Life Line Screening's press release, the ultrasound tests help identify potential health problems such as irregular heart rhythm, a risk factor for stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs, a possible indicator of heart disease; and abnormal bone density.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Life Line Screening at (877) 237-1287, or visit the company's Web site www.lifelinescreening.com.

Scholarships available for students in irrigation field

The Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association expects to award thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students going into agricultural irrigation or turf-landscape irrigation fields in 2007.

Scholarship applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15. Call IIEA secretary Tondee Clark at (208) 377-8188 to request an application form, go to www.idahoirrigationequipmentassociation.org to download an application.

IIEA scholarship recipients for 2007 included Homedale brothers Andrew and Quinn Bingham and Marsing resident MJ Usabel. These students were selected on the basis of academic accomplish-

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OWYHEE CATTLEMEN'S WINTER MEETING

Association resolutions establish policy

Cattlemen receive \$10,000 check from Owyhee Rope 'n' Ride

A portion of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association membership gathered in Oreana on Saturday to talk turkey about various aspects of the cattle industry.

In addition to hearing updates on the Owyhee Initiative and the sage-grouse conservation effort, members learned more about the state beef checkoff program and tackled a handful of resolutions during a 4 1/2-hour meeting inside Oreana Community Hall.

Association president Dana Rutan opened the meeting with optimism and irony.

"I hope that together here today we can come to solutions to the issues we're facing right now," Rutan said.

Rutan also spotlighted the rancher's never-ending struggle to make ends meet and stretch resources, tying the recent trend of high prices to the building snow-pack fueling an encouraging water outlook for this summer.

Rutan's hope to find solutions to some of the issues may be ongoing, as well.

The membership couldn't agree to support an Idaho Cattle Association resolution supporting a \$1-per-head increase in the beef checkoff fee collected by the Ida-

ho Beef Council. Fifty-nine cents of each dollar goes to help pay for national programs, including the "Beef: It's What for Dinner" advertising campaign.

IBC executive director Laura Wilder spent time outlining the benefits and various programs funded by the checkoff, and ICA District II representative Paul Miller of Bruneau and ICA Cow/Calf Chairman of Charlie Lyons from Mountain Home answered questions about that organization's proposal to push for an increase in the state checkoff.

Right now, only 36 cents of every checkoff dollar is used for in-state promotion, Wilder said.

Lyons said the ICA hopes to have legislation growing out of the resolution presented to the Idaho Legislature for the 2009 session. The additional \$1-per-head checkoff would be dedicated to state programs.

But the OCA resolution was tabled out of concern that not enough members were in attendance to get consensus.

"We've talked about this a lot today, and there are some members not here today because of weather concerns," former OCA president Russ Turner said. "We



Bev White won the membership silver bit Saturday in Oreana.

should take this home and give it some thought and get a better idea of what other groups are thinking about it."

Later, Lyons asked for a straw poll so he could have an indication of where the association stood on the checkoff issue, but OCA board member Tristan Hook cautioned Lyons on taking a mandate from the vote because there weren't enough members present to reflect a consensus.

Questions arose about the ICA proposal's stipulation that part of the new checkoff fee be used for production research.

Inez Jaca, an OCA member and former Idaho Beef Council member, voiced skepticism about production research, and former OCA president Tony Richards said use of any new checkoff funds should be put to a vote among everyone involved in the industry.

Jaca urged ranchers to take advantage of land-grant university research, such as that coming out of the University of Idaho, rather than dedicating part of the proposed checkoff to such studies.

"I think we should take advantage of the seedstock companies on feed research," she said. "We don't have enough money to do

the things we need to do, so why do we want to go off into production when we're doing a great job of producing?"

Wilder seemingly supported Jaca's praise of the producers, saying that carcass weights have increased 19 percent in the past two decades. But Wilder pointed out that state checkoff revenue has decreased 20 percent since 2001.

ICA president Jennifer Ellis pointed out that the production research could help in the overall fight to change the public perception of the industry.

"The institutional knowledge is really big, but the production research end of this can tie into producer image," Ellis said. "Studies show that people who go to buy beef want to make sure that it was treated well and fed nice green grass and drank clean water."

Jaca said that some of that image-building could be accomplished through programs already in place.

Another big concern, voiced by Jaca and echoed by others, was finding an effective balloting process of the entire industry on how the checkoff money should be used.

Board member Brenda Richards joined Jaca in getting the membership to authorize the formation of a committee to explore the checkoff before the resolution is revisited in July in Silver City.

In other resolution voting, the Cattlemen:

- Accepted an amended country of origin resolution reaffirming the organization's support for labeling and asserting that the beef consumer is most concerned with food safety and that U.S.-raised beef is the safest supply in the world.

- Approved a resolution requesting that Owyhee County and the Bureau of Land Management maintain all cattle guards on county and BLM roads to ensure proper installation and maintenance. One big issue in this dis-

cussion was the liability factor if a rancher removes the guard for maintenance and a motorist damages his vehicle by driving into the hole.

- Approved a resolution to ban wolves in Owyhee County and allow citizens of the county the ability to protect their leased or owned land, livestock, families and possessions from the predators. OCA member Paul Nettleton led a vote to change the wording to county citizens from association membership. The resolution passed even after Idaho Cattlewomen's Association president Debbie Lords pointed out that the de-listing of the wolf that will be published later this month and go into effect at the end of March would make the resolution unnecessary. Lords prefaced her comments by saying she supported the resolution.

- Struck employees from the list of people who can be added to a producer's OCA membership for \$5. Doug Rutan said that leaving the resolution to include employees for the discounted membership fee could give a large operation an unfair voting advantage over smaller ranches. Another concern was cutting down on the association's revenue through discounted dues. Employees can still join for the full \$25 annual fee.

In addition to the business meeting, the OCA received a \$10,000 donation from the Jordan Valley Rodeo Association. Jerry Raburn from the rodeo board presented the check representing proceeds from last year's Owyhee Rope 'n' Ride. Raburn said that in nine years, the Rope 'n' Ride has donated more than \$200,000 to promote multiple land-use concerns.

Raburn also saluted Connie Brandau, Kenny Bahem and Chris Collett and stock provider Agri-Beef for their help with the Rope 'n' Ride.

Collett also received special recognition from Lords and Idaho Cattlewomen's Association for her work with the annual Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Foundation pickup drawing.

Collett said that plans are in the works for the pickup drawing again this season, and that Jerry Buekelman, president of the Northwest Dodge Dealers, and Commercial Tire are back on board for the raffle. The block of 500 tickets will be available later this year from OCA board members and at the various display stops coordinated by Collett.

Bev White was winner of the membership silver bBev White won the membership silver bit. it drawing, and Kaleb White of Succor Creek won the breast collar given away during the deck o'cards raffle during the mid-meeting break.

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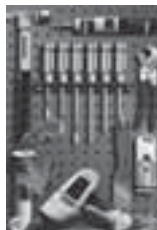
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OWYHEE CATTLEMEN'S WINTER MEETING

Initiative talks continue in Washington this week

Sights from the convention

Gibson: Latest markup didn't favor ranchers

During Saturday's Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting in Oreana, Chad Gibson painted a less-than-optimistic forecast for getting Owyhee Initiative legislation signed and to President Bush before his time in office ends.

Gibson, a member of the OCA board as well as a pivotal figure on the Initiative committee, said that politicians in Washington seem more interested in less-pressing issues than taking care of the county's ranchers, landowners and recreationists.

"(Federal legislators) seem more interested in making sure that baseball players aren't cheating and football coaches aren't destroying evidence, but hopefully somebody back there will still be interested in getting back to the country's business," Gibson said.

Some of those folks interested in important issues are visiting Washington, D.C., this week with Gibson to meet with staff members of Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) and staff from the members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which currently holds the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act that Crapo now has introduced into the Senate twice.

Gibson said that the most recent markup of the bill reflected a perception that the senators weren't interested in the spirit of the Owyhee Initiative.

"The mid-November discussion draft from the Energy committee was pretty discouraging," he said. "They left out a lot of things that we thought were essential and changed some things that we felt shouldn't be changed."

Gibson said the Initiative committee now is working on resubmitting language to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and that this week's series of meetings is part of the strategy to get legislators to understand the importance of the coalition forged by producers and environmentalists.



Chad Gibson delivered an update on the Owyhee Initiative's progress in the U.S. Senate.

"Some people will go back (this) week and visit with Energy Committee folks and Sen. Crapo's staff and give them another chance to do the right thing," Gibson said. "I hope these efforts that are coming here shortly will be more fruitful than in the past."

Gibson said that the presidential election might bring the process to a halt until after the new administration takes office, but he said that there could be the possibility of a special OCA membership meeting before July's summer convention if progress is made.

He also said that there is a possibility that the Initiative could be packaged with several wilderness bills that could see a vote before the end of the 110th Congress.

"If that package of wilderness bills gets put together and this gets attached to it, there's a good shot at getting it done," he said. "As a standalone, the folks tell me there's not a good shot."

Gibson said the Initiative could be lumped in with the wilderness suite of bills even though legislators don't understand that the Initiative isn't a wilderness bill at all.

But Gibson seemingly drew a line in the sand, too, saying that many politicians still don't understand why the Initiative process was begun six years ago.

"A lot of it is folks back there not understanding what we're trying to get at," he said. "If they stray too far away from what we've brought to them as a legislative proposal, there's no sense in bringing it back to us."

— JPB



Another winter in Oreana

Above: A rancher makes his way into the Oreana Community Hall on Oreana Loop Road prior to Saturday's annual winter meeting of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association. At least one board member speculated that the wintry weather had kept attendance at the meeting down.

Left: Kaleb White of Succor Creek shows off the handmade breast collar that he won in the deck o'cards raffle during the 3 p.m. break at the daylong meeting.

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OWYHEE CATTLEMEN'S WINTER MEETING

Ranchers tackle big issues in Oreana

A large part of Saturday's winter meeting of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association focused on the tumultuous relationship ranchers have with the government and environmentalists.

From the ongoing struggle to get the Owyhee Initiative through the U.S. Senate, to fighting to keep the sage-grouse off the endangered species list to maintaining property rights in the face of proposed changes to Owyhee County code, the OCA membership muddled through a full plate of issues during its semi-annual membership gathering in Oreana.

The most riveting portion of the meeting inside Oreana Community Hall included Owyhee Initiative Committee member Chad Gibson delivering an update on the legislation's progress through the Senate, Owyhee Sage-Grouse Local Working Group chair Donna Bennett giving an update on the group's efforts to keep the bird off the federal endangered list and a new strategy from the Idaho Cattle Association to fight anti-grazing groups in the court of public opinion instead of the federal courts.

A resolution opposing the proposed changes to the Owyhee County agricultural zoning code was defeated in a split vote. After the proposed resolution was mailed to members, the county Planning and Zoning Commission released an analysis of the amendments and extended the public comment period until 5 p.m. on Feb. 13.

"Since this resolution came out there has been an analysis and some people possibly have changed their minds," OCA board member Bodie Clapier said before he read the resolution to the membership.

Gibson's outlook was less-than-rosy given the busy political climate this year with the presidential election looming. He said that Initiative committee members were scheduled to travel to Washington, D.C., this week to hold further discussions in the wake of a less-than-favorable markup



Jennifer Ellis shares the ICA's new strategy to combat environmental extremists' anti-grazing attacks.

in the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

Sage-grouse LWG update

Bennett revealed the sage-grouse LWG's focus now must shift to promote the effectiveness of its programs in light of Judge B. Lynn Winmill's ruling that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) decision to keep the sage-grouse off the endangered or threatened lists was flawed.

Bennett said there was no solid indication of when Winmill will hand down his next ruling, but she stressed the LWG has to be ready.

"At this time we don't have any definite timeline for re-evaluation, but (Winmill) may rule in December. That means we have 11 months to develop our strategy," Bennett said.

"We have to compile projects and findings that we can present to Judge Winmill in hopes that he can see that we're making great strides with the projects."

She pointed out that the case brought by Jon Marvel's Western Watersheds Project to dispute the USFWS decision against listing the sage-grouse is a small step in environmental extremists' quest to end ranching.

"We've got to continue to fight to save our industry," she said. "The sage-grouse is just a tool that these entities are trying to use (to end the cattle industry)."

Bennett said that projects stalled by a lack of funding last year are

ready to kick off.

"We had two projects approved for 2007, but after the Murphy Complex fires, the monies were put on hold," Bennett said.

Now, the state Office of Species Conservation has released the money earmarked for the LWG's conservation projects. Bennett also said there is \$250,000 available in state grant money for ranchers to use in their own conservation efforts. The application deadline is July.

Bennett said the LWG will undertake a juniper mastication project as part of its delayed conservation efforts.

The mastication project, which has shown some success in a similar effort in California, includes using machinery to mow down small junipers and chop up larger trees into mulch. Bennett said the Owyhee LWG will use the technology in three locations — land owned by the Stanford and Kershner families and land used by the Chipmunk Grazing Co.

"It is an expensive project, but we want to see if the mulch will help the understory," Bennett said.

ICA's new tack with Marvel

Battling the encroachment of juniper on the sage-grouse habitat and forage for cattle isn't the only expensive proposition facing ranchers.

Idaho Cattle Association president Jennifer Ellis told the OCA membership of a new initiative the

organization has undertaken to battle the litigious efforts of millionaire anti-grazing activist Marvel.

"Every time we did the budget, it became more and more clear that there is one factor that kept breaking the cattle association, and that's Jon Marvel," Ellis said.

"All we ever do is play defense, and a lot of us is real tired of doing this."

The answer was formulated during the November meeting of the ICA in Sun Valley, which ironically is in Marvel's back yard near Hailey.

"We've started the Voice campaign to get a coalition together to speak as a united livestock group," Ellis said.

Ellis said the hope is that the campaign will include more than just ranchers. Dairymen, the Idaho Range Commission and the Idaho Farm Bureau also have been approached to join the fight.

And the objective is to become just as aggressive at promoting the benefits of the cattle industry as Marvel is about tearing it down.

"We've decided that we have to take the bull by the horns somehow," Ellis said.

Ellis said the new tack is a public relations thrust. ICA members at the November meeting donated \$30,000 in 25 minutes to begin the effort. Ellis said Boise public relations manager Mike Tracy, a former staff member for Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho), has been contacted to add input.

Ellis said the effort already has shown results. During a gathering in Idaho Falls where Marvel was asked to speak, she said cowboy hats were strewn throughout a crowd that included Audubon Society members, signaling that the cattle industry will stay silent no longer.

She said that re-educating the Audubon Society and other environmentalists about the environmental and lifestyle benefits of the ranching industry could be a key in changing the image of the industry among environmentalists.

"We're never going to change Jon Marvel's mind, but (maybe) we can change these kids minds about what cowboys are," she said.

Radio and environmental publication advertising and opinion page pieces also are part of the strategy.

Posters developed by Kim and Ira Brackett exhibiting the devastation of closing off grazing land, such as the massive Murphy Complex wildfire, will be used in the campaign.

"The Brackett family — Kim and Ira — have put together posters showing this burned out wreck down here (the wildfire aftermath) and asks, 'Do you know what you're donations are going to?'" Ellis said.

"We're going to put them in Sierra Club and other magazines to show them what the end result of these environmentalists' efforts are."

Zoning resolution rejected

The discussion of the resolution opposing the county Planning and Zoning amendments was edgy at times with Chris Collett and her husband, former OCA president Brian Collett, voicing the loudest opposition to the amendments.

The Colletts' objection seems to be the county requirement for a conditional use permit (and a \$2,008 fee) to develop any private property, and not the fact that any parcel smaller than 160 acres wouldn't be subject to a CUP under the proposed changes. Brian Collett suggested that the minimum lot size should be five acres because most ranchers would have to sell that size of a parcel to finance any home construction elsewhere on their land.

Connie Brandau, an OCA member and chairman of the county Planning and Zoning Commission, urged ranchers to get involved in the public comment process.

"If you have changes or you think different sizes would be better, please get them in writing because as the Planning and Zoning commissioners we can only take them to the Board of Commissioners as how you want them to be," Brandau said, adding that there will be another public hearing and comment period after the proposed changes are submitted to the Board of Commissioners.

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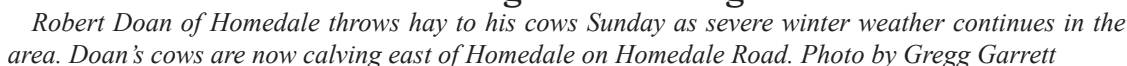
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185/55HR-14	46.91	185/60VR-14	49.76	185/55VR-15	61.72	245/50VR-16	88.90	245/45VR-17	107.17	245/40VR-17	99.63
195/55HR-14	51.69	205/60HR-14	55.12	205/55VR-15	64.76	205/50VR-16	80.20	205/45VR-17	101.29	205/40VR-17	117.01
195/55HR-15	52.91	195/60HR-15	53.21	205/60VR-15	72.89	205/55VR-16	81.78	215/45VR-17	141.70	215/40VR-17	128.07
195/55HR-16	52.73	205/60HR-16	58.03	225/50VR-16	73.07	235/50VR-16	148.26	245/45VR-17	148.26	245/40VR-17	121.33
205/55HR-15	56.52	215/60HR-15	59.52	195/50VR-15	59.52	205/45VR-16	86.31	225/40VR-16	138.40	235/35ZNR-18XL	211.52
215/55HR-15	61.84	225/60HR-15	68.75	205/40VR-16	82.82	205/35VR-17	89.51	215/40VR-16	81.23	245/35ZNR-18	214.46
175/60HR-13	39.15	205/60HR-16	66.75	195/50VR-16	65.51	215/45VR-17	95.65	205/40VR-17	78.10	245/40VR-17	101.80
185/60HR-13	44.93	215/60HR-16	67.16	205/50VR-16	72.13	225/45VR-17	99.70	215/40VR-17	82.79	255/40VR-18	194.17

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\$250.01 - \$500.00	\$50.00
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<div>Boneless Pork Loin Chops</div> <div><div>\$2.29 lb.</div></div>	<div>Boneless Beef Cross Rib Steak</div> <div><div>\$2.19 lb.</div></div>	<div>Fresh Celery</div> <div><div>\$1.09 ea.</div></div>	<div>Large Limes</div> <div><div>29¢ ea.</div></div>
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