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High-speed chase ends in Owyhee County

A high-speed chase that traveled through three counties ended near Murphy in the early hours of Wednesday morning and landed a 21-year-old Ada County woman in jail. Though officers said they are still uncertain what caused the young woman to flee, she now faces three possible felony charges for eluding officers.



Allison Marie Howard

Allison Marie Howard alias Damron was arrested by Owyhee County Sheriff's officers after a police pursuit through Ada, Canyon and Owyhee counties. Howard was finally stopped when her front tire was punctured by a

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Boy's best friend...

A youngster plays in the dirt with his faithful companion during the Bear Mountain Angus Ranch auction last week.

Parking to change on W. Idaho Ave.

IDT approves Idaho Avenue parking changes

Homedale Mayor Harold Puri said local merchants on Idaho Avenue will get their wish soon concerning parking problems on a portion of Homedale's main thoroughfare as the Idaho Department of Transportation approved parking changes from parallel to diagonal parking on the street.

The announcement was made during a Homedale City Council meeting last week and the council unanimously agreed that nearly all the merchants on West Idaho Avenue have agreed they would prefer angle parking to the current parallel parking.

"We polled the local businesses that are, for the most part, affected and got approval from nearly 99 percent of the business to have the diagonal parking," Homedale Mayor Harold Puri told the council Wednesday night. "We have permission to do it, so what does the council want to do?"

Councilman Hap Duryee suggested

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Commissioners sign Comprehensive Plan

The primary focus of the county commissioners meeting in Murphy on Monday, February 11 was on the final review and signing of the Owyhee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission had presented its draft late last year, and the board of commissioners had made certain revisions to it. Some of the P&Z commissioners attending the meeting Monday let it be known that they were not particularly happy with some of the changes the county commissioners had made. Several citizens also attended the meeting expecting clarification and prepared to speak up if necessary.

The commissioners made some on-the-spot revisions to the plan in response

to P&Z comments and previous testimony from concerned citizens. The overall effect of this third and final draft was to designate more areas multi-purpose in order to achieve greater flexibility for landowners while reducing the time required to get building permits.

The three commissioners agreed that the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to provide a general guideline for specific ordinances which will follow, and that the plan will actually mean little until that later stage is reached. Further, there is nothing to prevent additional changes and revisions to the plan down the road.

Even though one of the commissioners pointed out that "we're

not zoning for what's here, but for what's going to be here," great care was taken in the legal writing of the plan to make sure that zoning does not change a property's present use for its current owner or those who may come after him.

The county commissioners modified their published agenda to include the signing of a letter to Senator Larry Craig covering an attached report from the Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee concerning the appointment of a new Idaho state director of the BLM.

There are three announced candidates for that position to replace the widely disliked Martha Hahn, who is reportedly being transferred to New

York. They are Bill Bachman, K. Lynn Bennett and Steve West. The natural resource committee report states that the committee "believes that any of the three known applicants have the background and qualifications to perform successfully in the position of State Director of the BLM" and that "the County could work successfully with any of the three."

While the report finds all three candidates to be qualified, it finds only Mr. West to be "very well" qualified. The report goes on to comment that "Mr. West's approach to management seemed most consistent with the goals of the Owyhee Initiative," which may

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Red Ribbon Week

Omar Padilla and Jaime Fraire of Homedale Elementary School get ready for an activity aimed at helping them understand the consequences of drug use during Red Ribbon Week which was celebrated last week by Marsing and Homedale schools.

Districts celebrate Red Ribbon Week

By Melanie Hoyt

It wasn't only Valentine's Day that brought out the color red last week, as the Marsing and Homedale School Districts celebrated Red Ribbon Week to help educate students about drug use.

Red Ribbon Week is usually celebrated in October in honor of the memory of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a U.S. Drug Enforcement agent who was tortured, beaten and murdered during a drug investigation in 1985.

The red ribbon became a symbol for eliminating the demand for drugs after Kiki's death and the red ribbon campaign became movement to show intolerance for drugs in school, work places and communities. The first Red Ribbon Week was celebrated in 1998.

Homedale and Marsing school districts celebrate Red Ribbon Week in February because scheduling proves to be difficult in October with the many events and statewide testing that occur during that month and the districts found a natural tie-in with the time of Valentine's Day.

Activities in honor of Red Ribbon Week included "Why I don't do drugs" essays, poster contests and videos on drug education.

At Homedale Elementary School, under counselor Leslie Parker, second and third grade students participated in a friendship skills group. Third grade also has a basic life skills group and the fourth grade focuses on community caring.

At the Homedale Middle School, Mrs. Correa's students created brochures on computers and will give them to the elementary school. Mrs. Cornell, the middle school counselor, went to the fifth through eighth grade classes and presented a lesson related to drugs and stress. Mr. McDowell presented a lesson on the impact of drugs on China, Egypt and Somalia.

Last Thursday, a high school group did a presentation related to tobacco use and noontime activities where kids received prizes.

At Marsing Middle School, Red Ribbon Week bracelets were distributed last Monday. The National Guard gave a presentation on smoking and also had a presentation where students could wear "Fatal Vision" goggles which simulate the effect of drinking alcohol. The district also had dress-up days which included wearing patriotic colors and wearing clothes that demonstrate a favorite hobby and activity. They held a "No-Addiction" essay contest as well which challenged middle

school student to say why they have chosen not to smoke and how they would encourage someone to quit that does smoke. A Red Ribbon Week Dance was held last Thursday night on Valentine's Day.

At Marsing Elementary School and Marsing High School, the emphasis was in individual classroom and teachers developed their own lessons and activities emphasizing the Red Ribbon Week messages.

Blood drive slated

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, at the Garnet Road Youth and Recreation Center, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder, 1/2 mile south of Homedale Road.

There will also be two one-hour videos available for viewing: "Reversing Diabetes" and "Improving your Lifestyle." Though the regular time for viewing the videos will be between noon and 6 p.m., the public can request to view them earlier.

To set up an appointment call the center at 337-4836 or Buster DeWitt at 455-8937.

Homedale recreation director hired

By Cheryl Peterson

A Homedale athlete was chosen for the position of Homedale Recreation Director replacing former rec. director Pam Dugger, Homedale Councilman Hap Duryee told the council Wednesday night.

Former athlete Tina Uria, the daughter of Teri and Ric Uria of Homedale accepted the position for the city's rec. director and said she is looking forward to working with the kids in the summer program.

Uria is a sophomore at Albertsons College of Idaho and is working for a minor in education studies with a major in history. She said she hopes to be an elementary school teacher.

She is the manager of the college's girl's basketball team and spent four years on the court for the Homedale Trojans. She participated in softball, cross-country and volleyball at her former high school.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the people of Homedale," Uria said Thursday. "I like people, especially kids, and I think it will be a really fun job."

Uria said she has lived in the Homedale area all her life and has two sisters, Tristan and Michelle.

Duryee also reported that only three applicants had been received for the Sundance Park Committee and he would be conducting interviews for the voluntary position soon.



Tina Uria

Lizard Butte Sunrise Assoc. to meet

The annual meeting for the Lizard Butte Sunrise Association will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the home of Fred and Connie Hill on the corner of Highway 55 and Pride Lane next to the Huston Post office. The group will be planning for the sunrise service on Easter Sunday, March 31. To RSVP call 454-9001.

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Homedale kids seek skateboard park

A group of Homedale students approached the Homedale City Council last week requesting the council assist them with a skateboard park.

Homedale High School student Kelli Peterson told the council the group felt if a skateboard park was built in the city, kids who are not involved in athletics would have more to do and the use of drugs among children would go down.

Councilman Hap Duryee asked the kids where they would like to see a skateboard park in the city. Peterson said the group had hoped to have a park put in near the city's pool.

Councilman Kevin Barlow suggested the students start a petition to collect names of children who would like to be involved. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said he had approached the council last year to have a skateboard park built, but felt there was a lack

of participation so the subject was dropped. He said cost estimates for the park at that time were nearly \$80,000.

Mayor Harold Puri suggested the kids get their parents involved to help with the funding of the park and said the school would probably be able to assist with some of the labor.

"I agree that we have not done enough for our kids," Puri told the group. "We need to get something like this put in. There are grants available and we may be able to help with those. I think it is a good idea and we will continue to check into it."

Homedale High School Principal Mike Williams said he felt there is a real need in the city for a skateboard park.

"We had a girl slightly injured and have told the kids they can not skateboard on school property from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.," Williams said Friday. "After school we can't

stop them and don't want to stop them, but during school it becomes a matter of safety.

"I think there is a real need in the city for a skateboard park. We have a parent group that has been recently formed and that was a subject at one of our meetings. These kids really need to have some place they can go. They get kicked off almost everywhere they go. The facility near the pool would be an ideal place for the park. It



Better location

Homedale High School student Michael Vanosdal plays on skateboards on Owyhee Avenue last week.

has bathrooms that are rarely used and the lighting is good down there."

Williams said the school would not have a problem assisting the kids with labor in the project. "We need to work with the city to help get

something put in for these kids."

More than 50 signatures in favor of the park have been collected by the group and will be presented to the council on Feb. 28.

Owyhee, NV convict escapes

Owyhee County Sheriff's office and Elko County Sheriff's office have begun a search for two escaped convicts, one of which has a history of violence against officers.

Owyhee Nevada Police Department discovered Chadwick Hendricks 23 of Ely, Nevada, and Daniel Able, 18 of Owyhee, missing from the Owyhee jail at 9:46 p.m. Sunday night. Elwayne Dick, Corrections Officer said Monday that the two were involved in an "Indian Sweats" ceremony when they were discovered missing.

Elko County Sheriff's office reported the duo missing to Owyhee County Sheriff's office at 12:35 a.m. Monday morning.

"They were gathered around a fire during an Indian sweats ceremony when we found out they were gone," Dick said in a phone interview Monday. "We still are not sure how they escaped but feel they probably climbed the fence."

Hendricks was incarcerated in Owyhee to finish a sentence for theft from Ely. He has a criminal history for attempted homicide on a police officer. He is described as a white male, approximately 5 ft. 10 inches, 165 pounds, short brown hair with many tattoos and scars.

Able is described as a white male, approximately 5 ft. 8 inches, 165 pounds with short black hair. Able has a tattoo on his right shoulder of a capital D.

Able was arrested in Owyhee, Nevada for breaking into a store in the Idaho/Nevada border town.

To report sightings of the pair, call the Owyhee Police Department at 1-775-757-3614 or the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office at 495-1154.-CP

HPSI sets next meeting

The Homedale Patrons for School Improvement will hold their next meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25 at Homedale Middle School. The agenda for the meeting had not been finalized as of press-time, but some possibilities include: electing board and bylaws, identifying and categorizing issues and problems, suggesting avenues for solutions.

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✓ Chase

spike strip ordered by Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman.

"We got a call that she was headed our direction," Aman explained Thursday morning. "She tried to avoid the spike strip but it caught her front passenger-side tire with five spikes. Ada County and Meridian police were still chasing her when she entered our county."

Aman said Howard has a long criminal history and was even involved in a traffic accident in Marsing less than two weeks ago but she didn't have any outstanding warrants for her arrest.

The chase began when a Boise police officer attempted a traffic stop of Howard on Vista Avenue near the Boise Airport. Howard traveled to Interstate 84 attempting to elude officers and was picked up by Meridian Police Department near Orchard Road. Boise PD canceled their pursuit and Ada County Sheriff's office joined in.

"She exited the freeway in Meridian and headed in the direction of Kuna," Aman continued. "She was reportedly traveling at some very high rates of speed and straddling the center line. She was clocked at 90 miles per hour on Avalon Street near Melba then she headed our direction."

Aman said he ordered the spike strip to be set up near Rabbit Creek when Howard headed for Murphy. "She was traveling on the rim of her front tire by the time she got in front of the court house," Aman explained. "She finally stopped at mile marker 32 when she couldn't hold the vehicle on the road anymore."

Aman said officers reported Howard throwing items out of her vehicle. He said drugs had been found in her car as well as drug paraphernalia.

"She was involved in an

accident in Marsing on Feb. 2," Aman explained. "We cited her for drug paraphernalia and driving without privileges."

Rich Wright, a spokesman for Boise Police Department said a Boise police officer attempted to pull Howard over because her plates had expired.

"Our officer attempted to stop Howard at 3:24 a.m. for expired plates," Wright explained. "She failed to yield and a short pursuit ensued. We canceled our pursuit when she entered Interstate 84 and we contacted Meridian Police Department and Ada County Sheriff's office. Five Boise officers joined the pursuit, which reached speeds up to 80 miles per hour. Most of the speed limits on Vista are 35 miles per hour."

Wright said he was uncertain at this time what the Boise Police department might charge Howard with.

She is currently being held in the jail at Murphy for felony eluding an officer, driving without privileges, possession of drug paraphernalia, no insurance and fictitious display of plates. -CP

✓ Street

that the parking spaces be bigger than the parking spaces on Main Avenue.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller suggested the council consider posting no left turn signs in the area after the change is made because he felt the city would encounter the same problems of illegal turns that were encountered on Main Avenue.

"When you do this I would suggest the plan include a no-left-hand turn," Eidemiller said. "The only problem I can see is going to happen is we are going to encounter the same problem we did on Main Avenue."

"Why can't we just run a

double yellow line down the middle of the road?" Puri asked. "Basically we are only going to change from Main and run west."

Last year the council approved installing cement barriers in the middle of Main Avenue to detour drivers from crossing a solid yellow medium to park in front of the post office, drug store and Citizens Telecom. Eidemiller said since the blocks have been put in place accidents in the area have dropped dramatically.

"I can tell you that most of the accidents that were incurred on Main were not people backing out into oncoming traffic, it was people that crossed across the double yellow line," Eidemiller reported. "I agree that maybe we should watch and see what

happens before we worry about it, but I can almost bet that will be the major complaint."

Puri said the date of the change has not been set yet but he said he felt the people of the businesses on Idaho Avenue would be happy. - CP

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or may not constitute an endorsement as the Owyhee Initiative faces an ever more politicized future. -RB

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Mister can you spare a penny?

Debbie Pfeifer's Homedale Elementary School class poses with the change they collected for Pennies for Patients and Pennies for Cameron.

Homedale digs up change to battle Leukemia

Homedale Elementary School students celebrated the results of a recent fundraiser last week. The school took part in the fundraising effort "Pennies for Patients" and Debbie Pfeifer's class was the organizer for the school. Pennies for Patients benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The objective of the program is to raise funds, and

all proceeds raised from the program are used for research, patient services and professional education.

The fundraiser took place Jan. 21 through Feb. 8 and raised \$918.58 though all the spare change brought in by students. The school also went beyond the Pennies for Patients campaign and held a fundraiser called "Pennies for Cameron"

which benefits Cameron McMichael who is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatment after having a cancerous tumor and one of his kidneys removed in January. Cameron is a 6-year-old Homedale Elementary student and the son of Brett and Carol McMichael. The Pennies for Cameron effort raised \$340.66.

A benefit is being held for Cameron on March 16 at Homedale Elementary School, which will include food starting at 5:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. there will be an auction and raffle which will be followed by a dance.

Donations are currently being taken for the auction. DeAnn Thatcher, another of the event's organizers, said they are looking for such items as furniture, appliances, hay, baked goods, household decorations, services and other goods. Those who wish to donate items can contact Joyce Wright at 337-3914 or DeAnn Thatcher at 337-3822.

Principals see contracts extended

Marsing School District and Homedale School District both approved extensions of contracts for their principals at their regular school board meetings last week.

The Homedale School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, Feb. 11, and approved two-year contracts for the district's three principals. These are Mike Williams, Homedale High School; Keith Field, Homedale Middle School and Scott Freeby, Homedale Elementary School.

The Marsing School District Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, Feb. 12, and have offered two-year contracts to Chuck Stella, Marsing High School; Rick Gibbs, Marsing Middle School; and Jerry Bowen, Marsing Elementary School.

School District hires coaches

The Marsing School District Board of Trustees approved changes in the district coaching staff at their last meeting on Feb. 12.

Several coaches had submitted their resignations and they were accepted. These included freshman volleyball coach Leslie Nielsen, varsity volleyball coach Wendy Heller, assistant softball coach Shannon Johnson and freshman girls basketball coach Elizabeth Kiester.

The board of trustees also approved two new hires for the 2002 season. Jay McNeil was hired as varsity head softball coach for the 2002 season. Brad Evans was hired as assistant varsity softball coach for the 2002 season.

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Obituary

Henrietta VanDerhoff

Henrietta VanDerhoff, 84 of Homedale, died peacefully Friday, February 15, 2002 at a Meridian care center. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale, officiated by Pastor John Beck, Homedale Friends Church. Burial will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Henrietta was born on May 7, 1917 in Aliquippa, PA; the youngest of 3 children to William and Elizabeth Heitman.

Henrietta joined the U.S. Navy during WWII and served her country by being a chauffeur and a driver. She served for 1-1/2 years. While in the Navy she met her husband, Paul VanDerhoff, and they were married in Norfolk, VA on August 11, 1945.



Henrietta moved with Paul while he completed his naval career over the next 14 years, living in various locations from East Coast to West Coast and also in Honolulu, Hawaii. Paul retired in 1959 and they relocated to Homedale, ID

where they built their family home and raised their family. Henrietta lived in the same location for the next 40 years until she had to move to a care facility due to Alzheimer's disease. Henrietta was a dedicated mother and citizen.

Henrietta stayed active with the Homedale Sr. Citizens Center and thoroughly enjoyed going on trips to various locations with them.

She is survived by her children; Paula Krueger of Homedale, Nancy Kimball of Spokane, WA, and Charles VanDerhoff of Boise, along with 4 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul, and one grandson.

The family would like to thank the staff at Sunbridge Nursing Home for the care they provided to her in her final years.

Senior news

Homedale Senior Citizens' Center

Linedancing will be offered at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20. A potluck in Wilder will be held at noon, followed by pinochle at 1 p.m.

Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, roll, veggies, salad and fruit will be served on Thursday, Feb. 21. The shopping bus will be in Homedale at 2 p.m.

Breakfast, including bacon, eggs, hashbrowns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, toast and juice will be served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 22.

Hungarian goulash, veggies, salad, roll and cookies will be served on Tuesday, Feb. 26. There will also be music, bingo and bridge.

Marsing Senior Citizens' Center

Lasagna with meat, tossed salad, rolls, peaches, peanut butter and cookies will be served on Thursday, Feb. 21. There will also be music as well as "Marc" Hearing Aid Service.

There will be music offered on Friday, Feb. 22.

Tuna-mac cheese casserole, tossed salad, broccoli/cauliflower, muffin and apple pie will be served on Monday, Feb. 25.

Bacon or sausage, eggs, hot cakes, waffles, juice and coffee will be served for breakfast on Wednesday, Feb. 27.

National FFA Week

FFA students just might be the only Idahoans the politicians will listen to.

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Marsing School District examines several policies

By Melanie Hoyt

The Marsing School District regular meeting on Feb. 12 focused on policies, including home schooling, school immunization, credit by examination and parent involvement.

The board approved the first reading of the Intent To Home School form, policy #610. This is a brand new policy to help track students who are being home schooled. The form states "The State of Idaho does not regulate or monitor home school instruction. However the following Idaho Codes do need to be considered when planning for home school instruction: Idaho Code 33-201/School Age, 33-202/School Attendance Compulsory, 33-203/Dual Enrollment, and 33-207/Proceedings Against Parents or Guardians."

The form asks for basic information such as parent name, student name, school student is presently attending, gives an option to present a reason for withdrawing the student, and asks for the duration of the withdrawal for home schooling.

The board of trustees also approved the first reading of a "School Immunization Requirement - Certificate of Exemption" form, policy #504.4. The form contains exactly the same information as the previous form such as medical exemptions and religious/personal exemptions, but the form has an updated look.

The board approved revision to policy #605.6 which is the "Credit by Examination Application" form and procedures. The updated policy form asks for the application to be completed and marked whether it is for the end of the first quarter for testing at the end of the first semester, or

end of the third quarter for testing at the end of the second semester. There were wording changes and additions to the policy as well. Previously the policy said "Students must be given an opportunity to explore areas of interest if they can demonstrate knowledge, skills, and competence in prerequisite or required courses." That has been changed to say "demonstrate proficient knowledge." The district has added a requirement that all tests must be passed with score of 75 percent or better. Another addition is that testing will be provided during finals week of each semester and requests must be made two weeks prior to the test to the principal. Previously the policy said that no materials would be supplied by the school. That has been modified to say the only materials supplied by the school would be textbooks and any supplemental material pertinent to the course. The district also states in the new policy that no help will be given to any student from any teacher in the Marsing School District. The district also added that all test results are final and no appeal can be made.

The board also approved the first reading of a policy that outlines the district's parent involvement philosophy. The proposed policy states that the board of trustees and administration will establish and maintain a formal structure of parental participation through which parents can participate in policy making or decisions regarding planning of district services. It goes on to say the district will provide opportunities for parents to assist in district curriculum development, enhance knowledge and understanding of the child's education progress through parent-teacher conferences, become actively involved in planning

and implementing academic interventions, establish ongoing procedures to inform district parents about Marsing School District activities and community events and other opportunities.

Marsing school parent night offers CHIP info and free tax help

A parent and community night will be held at Marsing Elementary School from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21. The evening will feature information on CHIP (free state-based children's health insurance for those who qualify) and free income tax filing help from the IRS. Snacks will be served and families are welcome. This event is friendly to both Spanish and English speakers. This event is sponsored by the Marsing School District, the Internal Revenue Service, and Terry Reilly Clinic's Healthy Outcomes for Youth Project.

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Marsing Council addresses skateboard park, p&z

By Cheryl Peterson

The Marsing City Council addressed several concerns during a regular council meeting last Tuesday night including the safety of kids skating at the newly built skateboard park and the recent resignation of planning and zoning chairman Gene Jayo.

The meeting was presided over by newly appointed council president Jennifer Finlay in the absence of Marsing Mayor Jenny Haken.

Concerns heard throughout the evening included Larry Eells who disputed the new sewer rates, Andrea Keister who asked the city to help fund her quest as an Idaho National Teen Pageant contestant, and city maintenance supervisor Jesse Hance who was concerned about children playing at the new skateboard park without safety equipment.

Jayo resigns.

The council was advised that they did not have to accept or reject Marsing Planning and Zoning Chairman Gene Jayo's resignation since his term in office had expired three years ago. Jayo told the council he would like to stay on the commission in some type of capacity since no one else was available to do the job.

"I have asked around a lot and I can't find anyone who wants to do it," Jayo told the council Tuesday night. "The problem seems to be that they see what I have been doing and they don't want anything to do with it. I sometimes spend nearly 30 hours in a week working on planning and zoning issues including studying the Idaho code books."

Marsing City Attorney Susan Wildwood advised the council that they could keep Jayo involved in the commission but in a different position. She said he could be hired by the city as a non-voting administrator or as a volunteer in a committee appointed by the commission.

"I have tried to work the numbers and the bottom line is Gene is over his allotted time by Idaho Code," Wildwood said. "Now it will be up to the mayor to appoint, under council approval, a new chairman. I would advise the council to keep him on the commission for at least another month to assist with meetings with the city and the county commissioners concerning the city's impact area. I don't see where any critical issues or lawsuits could arise within the next 30 days, so I would suggest with his background keeping him involved."

"You can't accept or reject his resignation since he is no longer in his term of office."

Skateboard park agreement.

Although not on the agenda, city maintenance supervisor Jesse Hance told the council that he has witnessed children skating at the new skateboard park without safety equipment which Hance said was agreed upon by the students and the council before the city agreed to allow the skate park to be put in.

"On the skateboard park, when that was opened up were they required to wear safety equipment?" Hance asked the council.

Council member Carol Edwards said the group agreed to wear safety equipment before the council approved the park. Finlay asked if signs had been posted in the area requiring the children to wear the equipment before entering the park.

Hance told the council that local student Jeff Moyer had guaranteed the council that he would "personally see to it that any kids skateboarding would wear the equipment."

"We were told that we would have the same liability as a park and that is just exactly why I did not want it so close to our playground," Edwards told the council.

Wildwood advised the council that the children should be informed of their requirement to skate in the area and advised the council to post signs. Wildwood said an ordinance would have to be passed to enforce a fine for those not abiding by the rules.

"The sign should say they will forfeit their right to have this skateboard park," Edwards continued. "Non-use will forfeit your use of this skateboard park. The problem is this was an agreement between the city and this group and an adult was involved then."

"They came up with most of the money and paid for their own cement. There have a few things going on down there that hasn't been quite according to Hoyle to begin with. They weren't supposed to be using the amount of land they used, however they have used it. I think they have gotten a little more than what they have bargained for to begin with and if they can't take care of it and use it the way they said I think

they forfeit their right to have it. It should be made known to them that we are not going to allow this to go on."

The council unanimously decided to pass a resolution to install signs warning skateboarders of the consequences if they do not abide by city rules.

Eells disputes sewer charges.

Marsing resident Larry Eells asked the council to reconsider charging him a flat sewer rate in a home he has not lived in for three months. After a lengthy discussion, Eells' request was denied by the council stating if his rate was changed it would effect other resident water users and would eventually financially affect the recent bond the city acquired for sewer renovations.

"The house is vacant and we used 1,000 gallons of water, which is way below the minimum and we were still charged almost \$43," Eells told the council. "I just want someone to explain to me how the sewer rates are calculated."

Finlay said the rates are calculated by water consumption from the previous winter.

"We use November, December and January from the previous year and average it out," Finlay explained. "That will now be the base rate for the next year. I am not saying I agree with it, but that is how it is determined. I think as a council we should review this but I am not sure how it will effect our bond."

Eells said the way he understood it was the people who bought his house would not have a water bill next year because his house was empty in the deciding months.

In concluding council business, Andrea Kiester will collect \$100 from the city to go toward fees for the Idaho National Teen Pageant. Kiester placed as first runner up in last year's competition.

My State.com will receive a letter from the council declining their proposal to build a web site for the City of Marsing. Council members decided to work in conjunction with the Marsing Resource Center and the Marsing Chamber of Commerce to continue the city's web page.



Sold! Records fell as more than 200 bulls were auctioned to buyers from eight states.

Angus sale sets record for attendance

The performance bull sale at Bear Mountain Angus Ranch just northwest of Walter's Ferry set an attendance record on Tuesday, Feb. 12 with more than 500 buyers turning out from eight different states. Approximately 500 head of cattle were sold at the auction, one of the major sales in the Northwest.

The average price paid for bulls was \$1835 and the average for heifers was \$1178. Top sale was a bull that went to a Wyoming rancher for \$5100.

E.G. Foote, former owner of the ranch and now consultant to the Stoller family who bought the ranch last year, was on hand to cheer the successful bidders. A real Western barbecue was plenty to feed the large crowd of buyers and guests in style. And nobody could have asked for a brighter, sunnier day to inspect and buy purebred Angus cattle.

Next year's sale is scheduled for February 11. -RB

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From the sheriff's desk

Feb. 11, 8:21 a.m. a mailbox vandalism was reported on Succor Creek Road. The Owyhee County Sheriff's office deputy reported that it appeared someone had turned around in the road and backed into the mailbox. No citations issued.

Feb. 11, 8:25 a.m. a window was reported broken out of the Double Barrel Marine building in Marsing. Officers reported someone had attempted to burglarize the business. The investigation is ongoing.

Feb. 11, 5:18 p.m. a vehicle vandalism was reported to Homedale Police Department at 525 Main Street in Kings Court. The Homedale Police Department made no other information available.

Feb. 11, 6:32 p.m. a small fire was reported at a sawmill in Marsing. Details were unavailable.

Feb. 11, 8:30 p.m. Lori Ann Kawamoto, 24 of Burley, was arrested on a warrant from Minidoka County for felony forged checks and failure to pay on a malicious injury to property fine. An Owyhee County Dispatcher said Kawamoto was arrested at the sheriff's office when she attempted to visit her husband in the county jail.

Feb. 12, 11:26 p.m. a single vehicle accident was reported on Highway 19 and Purdom Lane. Carol Lopez went home from the accident and reported she was having trouble breathing. Lopez was transported to West Valley Medical Center by Homedale Ambulance.

Feb. 13, 12:30 a.m. a detention warrant was served to Jonathan Agnew, 18 of Marsing for failure to appear for petit theft and a tobacco charge. Agnew was transported to Canyon County Detention Center.

Feb. 13, 10:42 a.m. a theft was reported at a home on Sommercamp Road near Marsing. Tools were reported stolen from a residence that was under construction.

Feb. 13, 8:19 p.m. Homedale Police Department arrested Kathy Elaine Martin, 45 from Homedale, on warrants from Owyhee and Canyon Counties and from Caldwell Police Department. Homedale Office William Garrison arrested Martin while making a traffic stop. Martin had a warrant in Owyhee County for probation violation, Canyon County for failure to appear and Caldwell for failure to appear. She is being held on \$5,200 bond.

Feb. 14, 8:29 p.m. five juveniles were arrested in Marsing when they stole wine from Mr. B's Grocery Store.

Feb. 14, 8:47 p.m. Marsing Ambulance responded to the Marsing Clinic for a woman in

labor. The woman was transported to Mercy Medical Center in Nampa.

Feb. 14, 9:02 p.m. a barn fire was reported on Old Bruneau Highway near Marsing. A barn and tractor were burned on the Collin McCleod property.

Feb. 15, a one-vehicle accident was reported at mile marker 40 on Highway 95 in Oregon. An injured female was transported by Jordan Valley Ambulance. No other details were available.

Feb. 16, 8:47 a.m. Ventura Escutia, 43 of Homedale was arrested by Homedale Police Department for a warrant from Owyhee County and on a warrant from Canyon County. Escutia was wanted for failure to appear in both counties.

Feb. 16, 9:29 a.m., Leah Erskin reported vandalism to a garage. Erskin reportedly had found gang related graffiti on her garage last week and painted over it. She reported the garage had been painted again sometime during the night. Homedale Police Department responded.

Feb. 16, 10:30 a.m. Kim Astle, of Homedale reported Tony Abbott, also of Homedale had left her gates open. The dispatcher said Astle reported this to be an ongoing problem. Abbott was cited for trespass. Astle again contacted the sheriff's office at 2:30 p.m. and reported Abbott had been waving a stick or a 22 rifle at him. Officers again responded.

Feb. 16, 3:55 p.m. Officers responded to the 500 block of Kent Street in Marsing for a fight in progress. Two Marsing juveniles were cited for minor in consumption and released.

Feb. 16, 5 p.m. Grand View officers responded to Holden's Trailer Park for reported destruction of a civil posting. Thirty-one trailers had been posted and officers found all 31 postings had been removed. The incident is still under investigation.

Feb. 16, 9:45 p.m. A citation was issued to Duke Wilson, 47 of Grand View, for driving while suspended in Grand View.

Feb. 17, 9:24 a.m. Homedale Police Department responded

to Paul's Market main office on Main Street for a broken window. Nothing was reported missing.

Feb. 17, 9:33 a.m. Idaho State Police arrested Richard Sanders, 37 of Meridian for driving under the influence.

Feb. 17, a one-vehicle rollover was reported 20 miles south of Bruneau on Highway 51. Two people were injured and transported to local hospitals by Access Air. No further details were available.

Feb. 17, 5:46 p.m. Idaho State Police arrested Todd Hammonds, 26 of Nampa for a contempt of court warrant from Ada County. Hammonds was also cited for open container.

Feb. 17, 7:32 p.m. Delbert Scott of Homedale reported two males entering Jump Creek Lumber. Two juveniles, 16 and 17, were found in Jump Creek Lumber yard and were released to their parents. The investigation is continuing.

Feb. 17, 10:33 p.m. a residential burglary was reported at 1063 Jump Creek. Alejandro Ramos reported he had a television and stereo stolen from his home. -CP

Masons to hold Sweetheart Brunch

The Silver City Lodge #13 Masons are celebrating Valentine's Day a little later this year. The Masons will hold their annual Sweetheart's Brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Homedale Senior Citizens' Center. There is no charge for the event and it is open to the public, but donations will be accepted.

Weather

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Tue. 12	47	17
Wed. 13	43	15
Thu. 14	48	14
Fri. 15	no	read
Sat. 16	no	read
Sun. 17	no	read
Mon. 18	50	13

School lunch menu

February 25 - March 1, 2002

Homedale Elementary

Monday: Lasagna or Shepherd's pie, corn, pears, apple turnover and choice of milk.

Tuesday: BBQ chicken strips or burrito, green beans, cinnamon breadstick, mixed fruit and choice of milk.

Wednesday: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, peaches, frosted brownie and choice of milk.

Thursday: 1/2 ham and cheese or 1/2 turkey sandwich, yogurt, celery sticks, applesauce, granola and choice of milk.

Friday: Chili or fish nuggets, fries, honey cornbread, pears and choice of milk.

Homedale Middle

Monday: Lasagna, French bread, vegetable and fruit or salad bar and choice of milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, beef nuggets, or chef's salad, vegetable, fruit, cinnamon roll and choice of milk.

Wednesday: Pizza or deli sandwich, tossed salad, fruit, cookie and choice of milk.

Thursday: Chicken fajita, corn, fruit, cookie and choice of milk.

Friday: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, fruit or salad bar and choice of milk.

Homedale High

Monday: Pizza, fajita or rib-b-que, salad, fruit, dessert and choice of milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fillet or beef nuggets, roll, mashed potato/gravy, fruit and fresh baked roll.

Wednesday: Spaghetti, burrito or toasted cheese and soup, French bread, salad, fruit and choice of milk.

Thursday: Chicken patty, hamburger or deli sandwich, fries, fruit, dessert and choice of milk.

Friday: Crispito/taco salad or pizza, corn, fruit and choice of milk.

Marsing School District

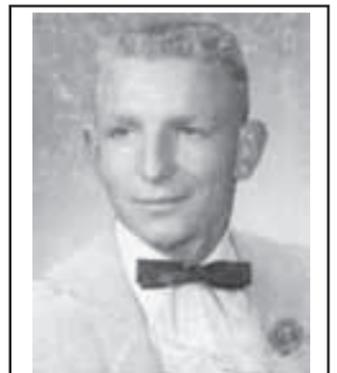
Monday: Red Baron Pizza, fruit variety, garden salad with dressing, cinnamon twist, variety milk, soup and sandwich, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets & sauce, chocolate pudding, fruit variety, garden vegetables, variety milk, Philly steak sandwich, fresh salad bar, and fresh baked roll.

Wednesday: Italian Spaghetti, garden salad w/ dressing, fruit variety, Italian bread, variety milk, tostada delight and fresh salad bar.

Thursday: Nachos w/ toppings, fruit crisp, golden corn, variety milk, assorted sandwiches, condiments, fresh salad bar and fresh baked roll.

Friday: Chicken patty, fruit variety, milk, Chinese egg roll, salad bar and fresh baked roll.



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Bruneau-Grand View likes ITBS math scores

ITBS Core Scores

School State	Year	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th
	This Year	55	51	48	54	56	56	52	55	54
	Last Year	54	50	48	53	56	56	51	55	54
Bruneau/Gr.	This Year	40	44	41	56	47	50	39	44	51
	Last Year	47	42	46	40	51	42	44	48	47

Note: The Core Scores are a combination of reading, language arts, and math results. The National Mean is 50.

By Melanie Hoyt

Bruneau-Grand View School District officials say they are pleased with the performance of their students in math on a statewide test, but add they still have work to do in the area of reading and language to get students where they want them to be.

The district is currently working with the results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Tests of Academic Proficiency along with other tests to see if modifications may need to be made to the district's curricula.

"The high point that I'm pleased about is that we're seeing growth," Bruneau Grand View School District Superintendent Bob Ranells said. "We've had significant improvement in math over the past couple of years, and the good news is that continues."

The ITBS and TAP are norm-referenced tests. These types of standardized tests provide educators and parents with information about how a student's score compares with a selected group of other students of the same grade, or a norm group. Most students were tested in October, after about a month into the academic year.

The ITBS tests are multiple-choice tests that measure basic student skills in reading, language arts (spelling, punctuation, etc.), and math. Students normally take a long form of the test in grades three, five, seven, and nine, which includes social studies, science, and sources of information questions, but in the Bruneau-Grand View School District students take the long form in all grades.

The district saw decreases in core scores (a combination of reading, language arts, and math results) on both the ITBS and TAP in grades three, five, seven, nine and 10. The district saw increases in core scores at the fourth, sixth, eighth and 11th grade levels.

Compared with the statewide results, the Bruneau-Grand View School District was below the statewide percentile results in most grade levels. However the sixth grade this year scored a 56 percentile compared with the 54 percentile at the state level. The sixth graders this year also

outperformed last year's sixth graders who were at 40 percentile. This was the most significant jump from last year's percentile rankings. Bruneau-Grand View students were also close to the state ranking at the 11th grade level this year. The district's students received a 51 percentile ranking while the state average percentile ranking was 54.

Grand View Elementary School Principal David Miller said that the district still would like to see growth in their students' scores, but they feel like they are seeing some payoff from activities they've implemented to increase math skills.

He stressed that scores in smaller school districts are more greatly impacted by each student's score and can vary greatly on the performance of just a few students.

Ranells said the district is

seeing a continuing need to focus on reading and language skills. The district hopes to continue their pre-kindergarten program which targets students as early as 3, 4 and 5 years old to develop school readiness such as social skills, vocabulary and reading. The district also has a summer program which focuses on math and reading for all grade levels. The district is also stressing practice of reading skills during the school day. This is all aimed at building language skills such as spelling and capitalization.

"We make sure that students have 60 minutes of silent reading time above and beyond regular reading instruction," Bruneau Elementary School Principal Sherry Ann Adams said. "We try to break it down to 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in afternoon."

Shoo-Fly 4-H Club hears speakers at meeting

The Shoo-Fly 4-H Club met on Feb. 10. Thirty-two members filled out registrations. Melanie Harper was introduced as the new Cloverbud leader. Members were encouraged to start getting their demonstrations together and think of a fundraiser for this year.

Tass Heim, Canyon County 4-H Ambassador Coordinator, and Jeff Morgan, a Melba 4-H teen, spoke to members about their program.

Officers will be elected at the next meeting. Members interested in being elected need to have a speech prepared and need to be at the next meeting to be eligible. The meeting will be March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the senior citizens' building in Homedale.



The king and queen are crowned!

The Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center crowned the king and queen of their Sweetheart Ball last Friday. The Queen is Charlotte Mitchell. The king, Allen Richards, is accompanied by his wife, Lois.

Owyhee Health and Rehab honors sweethearts

The Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center celebrated Valentine's Day with a Sweetheart's Ball on Friday, Feb. 15. They elected Allen Richards as King and Charlotte Mitchell as queen of the event and honored several long-term couples at the center.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jones will be married 52 years on July 21st. Dean and Faye were married in Winnemucca, Nev. Their home is in Wilder. They live in the same house Dean was born in. Dean and Faye have three children – two daughters and a son. Their family also includes seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richards will be married 54 years on March 14. Their home is just outside of Homedale. They were married in Roswell, Ida. Allen and Lois have two daughters and three grandsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rippie will be married 46 years in April. They were also married in Winnemucca, Nev. Charlotte and Ed have four children – two daughters and two sons. They also have five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pope have been married 65 years. They were married in Montrose, Colo. Arthur and Evelyn have two girls and two boys and also 14 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

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Coming events

Wednesday, Feb. 20

10:00 a.m. Women's bible study at Homedale Friends Church
10:30 a.m. Linedancing at Homedale Senior Center
12:00 p.m. Homedale Senior Citizens' Center holding potluck in Wilder

1:00 p.m. Homedale Senior Citizens' Center holding pinochle
2:45 p.m. Homedale Middle School after-school program from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. American Legion Post 32 Annual Bean Feed for legion members and friends at Homedale American Legion Hall

7:00 p.m. Bruneau-Grand View School District will conduct a public hearing on rezoning at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School

7:00 p.m. Homedale Presbyterian Church choir practice
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible study at Homedale Friends Church

7:00 p.m. Owyhee County Historical Preservation Advisory Committee Meeting at Owyhee County Museum

Homedale Middle School Academic Pep Assembly
Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School FCCLA meeting in Ontario

Thursday, Feb. 21

2:00 p.m. The shopping bus to Homedale will be at the Homedale Senior Center

6:00 p.m. Grand View Elementary ESL Family night from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Parent and community night at Marsing Elementary School providing information on CHIP and free tax help

7:30 p.m. Homedale Church of the Nazarene Ladies Bible Study

8:00 p.m. Bruneau-Grand View School District meeting at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School

Homedale High School and Marsing High School boys basketball district tournament at TVCC TBA

Homedale High School wrestling state tournament @ Idaho Center/Nampa

Jordan Valley High School boys basketball district tournament
Marsing High School FFA Ag Olympics

Music will be offered at Marsing Senior Center as well as the "Marc" hearing aid service

First day spring sports at Homedale High School
Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School junior high school boys basketball tournament TBA

Friday, Feb. 22
Homedale High School wrestling state tournament @ Idaho Center/Nampa

Homedale High School boys basketball district tournament at TVCC TBA

Jordan Valley Middle School boys and girls at Huntington Tournament

Marsing High School FFA Ag Olympics
Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School first track practice

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School District Tournament at New Plymouth TBA

Saturday, Feb. 23
8:00 a.m. District II 4-H Leaders Super Saturday at Vallivue Middle School in Caldwell

8:00 a.m. Homedale Church of the Nazarene Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Marsing Resource Center In-Door Yard Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Marsing Elementary School

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Sunday, Feb. 24
9:00 a.m. Silver City 13 Masons to hold Sweetheart Brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

12:00 p.m. Marsing Resource Center In-door Yard Sale from Noon to 5 p.m. at Marsing Elementary School

Monday, Feb. 25
9:30 a.m. Owyhee County Board of Commissioners

2:45 p.m. Homedale Middle School after-school program from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

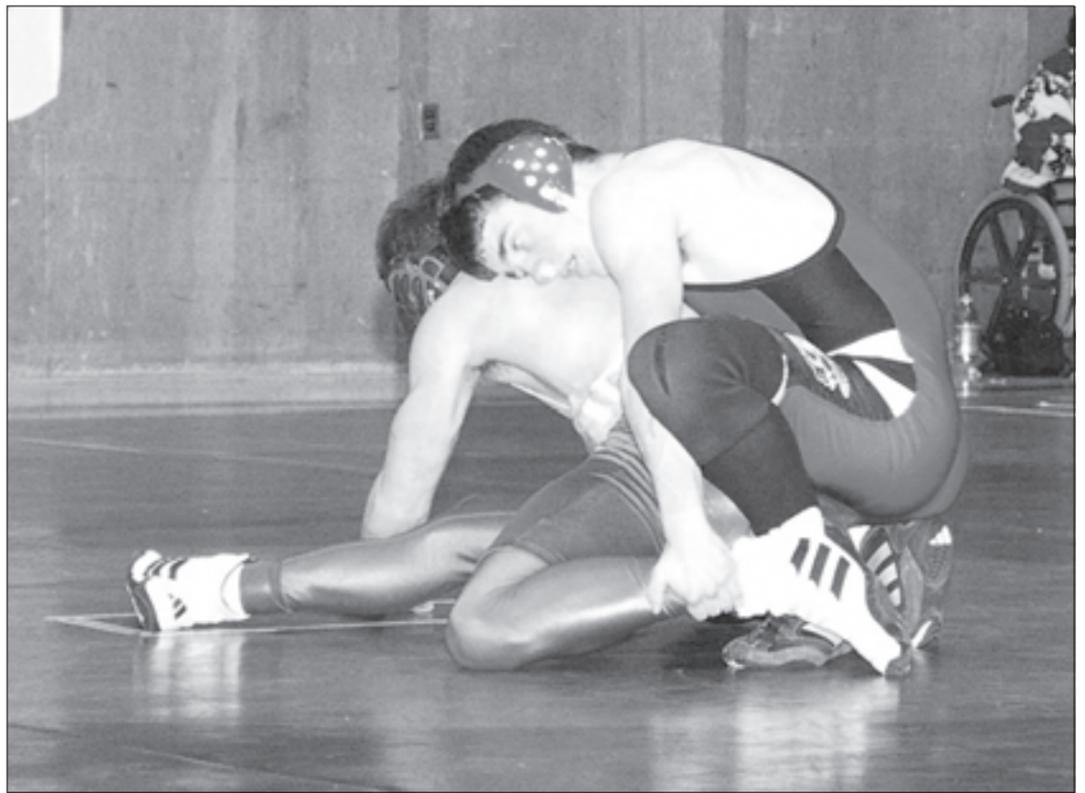
7:00 p.m. Homedale Patrons for School Improvement to meet at Homedale Middle School

Tuesday, Feb. 26
5:00 p.m. Owyhee County Probation Department offers G.E.D. class from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Grand View Elementary ESL Family night from 6 p.m till 8 p.m.

Music, bridge and bingo will be offered at the Homedale Senior Center

To have your event included in the Coming Events Calendar, call Melanie at 337-4681.



Going down

Brian Cuddeback works on pinning his opponent during the district tournament Saturday in Parma. Brian placed third at the match and qualified for state.

Homedale Trojans take 2nd at district wrestling tournament

The Homedale Trojans had a huge showing at the District III-2A Wrestling Tournament in Parma on Saturday. The Trojans took second place in team scores and were just slightly outscored by the Parma Panthers. Parma had a 254 team score while Homedale had a 229 team score.

The Trojans had six champions, which was the most of any team and ties their school record set in 1999, and the Trojans qualified 13 for state which ties Homedale's school record set in 1999 and 2001.

"It was an excellent tournament. The boys rose to the occasion and wrestled extremely well," Homedale Coach Toby Johnson said. "I am extremely proud of the boys' performance. They wrestled like champions. They showed a lot of class, determination and sportsmanship."

Marcus Eby (112) and Robert Ayala (152) held onto one-point leads in their final matches to earn their goal medals.

Mark Mashburn (125) scored a two-point reversal with five seconds left to win by one point in his championship match.

Juan Garcia (171), Zack Pearson (189) and Jim Nauman (275) were flawless, pinning their way through the tournament.

Matt George (119) and Michael Eby (160) wrestled well in the preliminary matches but placed second in their weight classes losing to the Ereksen brother of McCall in the finals.

Tomas Obregon shook things up at 145. Obregon proved victorious over a Melba

wrestler who had pinned him earlier in the year, then had two one-point victories to earn the bronze.

Brian Cuddeback (130) narrowly missed a shot at the finals but came back strong to win over a McCall wrestler he had lost to earlier in the year to get his third place medal.

Drew Duryee (103) won in the consolation semifinals with a come from behind pin to secure his trip to state.

Pedro Hernandez (215) and Erik Garcia (275) both earned trips to state as well. They were the youngest wrestlers in their weight classes.

Cord Engle (125), Joe Foster (140) and Chris Folger (140) also wrestled well and helped add points to the team score, Johnson said.

Here are the 2002 District Placers/State Qualifiers:

103 Drew Duryee, fourth,

freshman; 112 Marcus Eby, first, freshman; 119 Mark George, second, junior; 125 Mark Mashburn, first, sophomore; 130 Brian Cuddeback, third, senior; 145 Tomas Obregon, third, sophomore; 152 Robert Ayala, first, senior; 160 Michael Eby, second, senior; 171 Juan Garcia, first, junior; 189 Zack Pearson, first, sophomore; 215 Pedro Hernandez, fourth, freshman; 275 Jim Nauman, first, senior and Erik Garcia, fourth and freshman.

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Senior centers are looking for a few good members

By Melanie Hoyt

Just blame the young at heart. Local senior citizen centers in Homedale and Marsing have seen decreasing numbers recently and they blame part of the reason for the diminishment on the fact that many of those who meet the age requirement for membership feel they are "too young" inside to be a part of the center.

But the Marsing Senior Citizens Center and Homedale Senior Citizens Center have a lively heart pulsing with good meals and conversation, music, linedancing, quilting, and other activities and want new people to join and learn about the various services they offer.

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center began with the dream of Homedale Presbyterian Church Pastor Ed Alora wanting to do something for seniors that would make life more meaningful.

In Homedale, a group got together in March of 1967 and went to visit other centers in Nampa and AARP in Caldwell. Interest was so great they formed the Senior Citizens Club. By-laws were adopted then and revised in 1976. Construction began on the building in March 1974 and an open house for the center was held in August. Dedication of the center was held after all the building was completed in 1978.

The Marsing Senior Citizens Center began in early 1973. The center is located under the landmark of Lizard Butte, where the annual Easter Sunrise Celebration is held. Before being formally established in their present home, people gathered at various places together.

The Homedale center offers linedancing every Wednesday, a Grandma's Club, a quilting group, pinochle, bingo and bridge and a dance usually once a month. They also host a buckaroo breakfast during the rodeo and a holiday bazaar. They also have the blood pressure and foot clinic usually once a month. The Marsing center offers music and a store where people can peruse crafts and clothing. Both centers have buses for shopping and taking trips.

The centers also provide necessities like chore services for those who can't do things such as hang storm windows or clean yards, an ECHO service which gives daily calls to seniors to check on their welfare, and respite which give a well-needed break to a caregiver of a homebound senior.

The offerings give those seniors in the area a chance to be active and visit with friends. It's an opportunity cherished by many. Erma Uelinet spends around 15 hours a week volunteering at the Homedale center. She helps with setting the tables, serving coffee and is treasurer on the center's board.

"That's what keeps me going – is coming down here to work. If I sat at home, I'd stagnate," Uelinet said.

Others come for companionship and games.

"I come down as often as I can. I thoroughly enjoy the people. I volunteer on Thursday mornings, go to the Area Three Council (on Aging) meetings in different centers. I enjoy that," Betty Hetrick, who attends the Homedale center, said. She also participates in the pinochle and quilters and enjoys having soup on the days the quilters come.

"I learn a lot of things. I have fun. I give everybody a bad time," Hetrick said with a grin and laugh.

The centers offer fun and community to those looks for a hot meal and warm friendship.

Bertha Weygandt helps with the meals on Mondays at the Marsing center and helps oversee the clothing store at the center.

"What I get out of it the most is seeing other people enjoy themselves," Weygandt said.

But the backbone of both centers is their meals that they offer. The Homedale center offers lunch generally on Tuesday and Thursday during the week and breakfast is served on Fridays. The Marsing center offers lunch on Mondays and Thursday and breakfast on Wednesdays. Both centers offer as Meals on Wheels for those who are homebound. Though a suggested price is \$2.50 for meals for those who are 60 or older, that is not a requirement. No senior would be turned away from a meal regardless of his or her ability to give. The meals are sometimes very critical to helping seniors have enough nourishment.

"We are a gathering place for the seniors to get together, have a hot meal and socialize," Marsing center coordinator Faye Pfrimmer said. "Our Meals on Wheels program well to my way of thinking — this is one of the best programs we can have. Because so many can't come into the center because they don't have means or they're not able to; they really rely on us, a lot of them, for a good hot meal."



Breakfast and crafts

Gene Pfrimmer eats breakfast at the Marsing Senior Citizens' Center while his wife, Faye Pfrimmer, looks at a hand-embroidered pillowcase held by Bertha Weygandt.

But the current offerings of activities and meals have not kept the numbers of people utilizing the centers from dropping.

Homedale center coordinator Brenda Watson said recently they have around 40 people attend the meals regularly. In the past they had 55 to 60 folks enjoying the meals. At Marsing center 75 people used to attend on Thursdays, now Pfrimmer said they are lucky if they have 50 people attend the meal on Thursdays.

The coordinators at both centers say they want to see more people enjoying the meals, activities and social feeling and remind those who are young at heart that they are still needed as members and have a lot to offer the centers. The coordinators also stress they have a continual need for volunteers for their different programs.

"I've lost a lot of my seniors since I've started here and the new people are not coming in. People that are old enough to come in but yet they say 'We're not old enough,' because they're thinking younger these days. This is really hurting the senior centers — all the senior centers really. We need these people to come in because they are thinking younger they could do a lot to the senior center. They could come up with some good ideas," Pfrimmer said.

Watson said that some people aren't aware of the center or what it offers. She said they always want to hear suggestions on activities in which people would be interested.

"What we're trying to think of is different ways to get more membership, get more people to come in," Watson said.



Breakfast

The folks at the Homedale center put together their annual buckaroo breakfast during the rodeo. The event is one of the center's most important fundraisers each year.

Do a little dance

Ladies linedance at the Homedale Senior Citizens' Center.



Panthers overpower Trojans



From the outside

Homedale Trojan Kenny Mossi tries for a basket during the match against Parma last week during the district tournament. Photo by W.T. Bruce.

The Parma Panthers pounced on their chance for victory over the Homedale Trojans at the first round of the District III-2A tournament at Treasure Valley Community College last Thursday.

The Panther overwhelmed the Trojans 84-60. The Panthers opened their lead up early on. After one period the Panthers held a 21-8 margin. Parma put on pressure, forcing turnovers and earning 20 steals.

At the second quarter the score was 36-20 favoring Parma as the teams headed to the locker rooms. The third quarter finished 39 for Homedale and 56 for the Panthers.

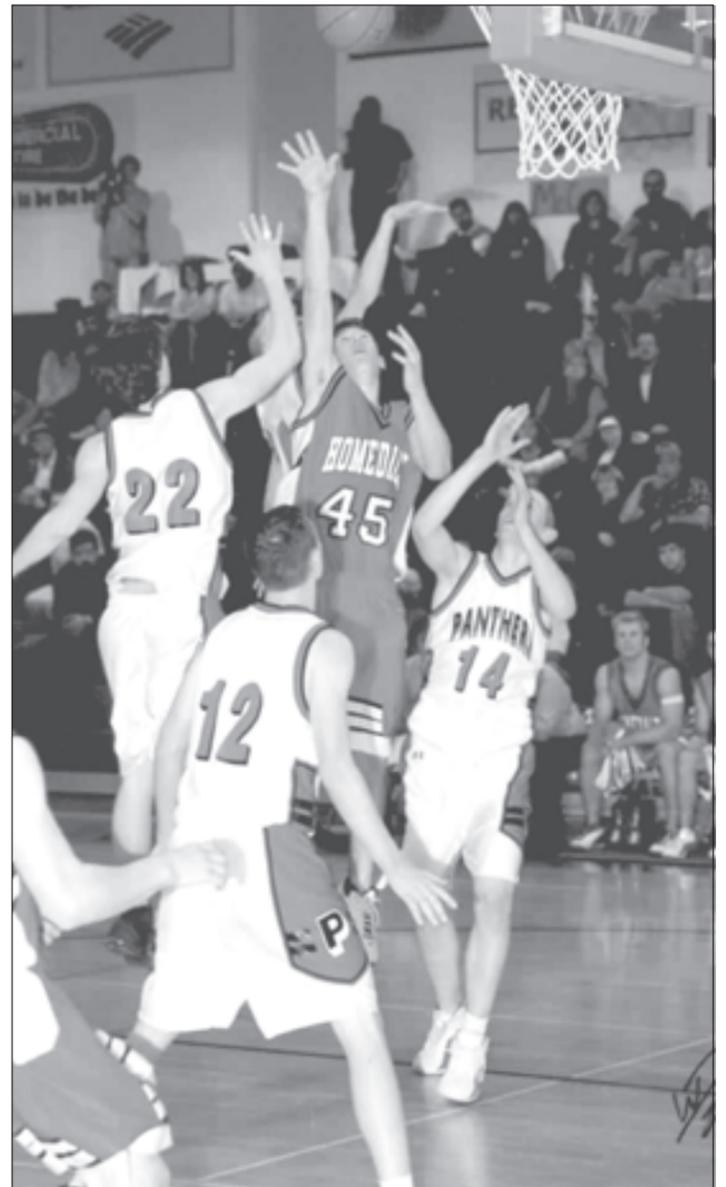
The Panthers took a 17-point lead into the final quarter. But the Trojans weren't quite through. They went on a seven point run that dropped the Panther lead to just 10 points. However, Parma reacted with a run of its own that extended its lead to 24 points by the final buzzer.

Spencer Batt lead the Trojans with 15 points and 15 boards and Taylor Landa added 14 points, 12 of which were from the free throw line.

For the Panthers, powerhouse Trevor Roche had the high of 26 points. Drew Theson and Todd Huffman each added 11 points for Parma.

"They're very quick," Homedale Coach Randy Potter. "They jumped out on us real fast the first quarter. We got behind early and the rest of the game we're trying to fight back."

The Trojans took on Melba on Tuesday, which will be reported on next week due to our printing schedule.



And two points

Homedale Trojan Spencer Batt takes a shot during the district match against Parma last week. Photo by W.T. Bruce.

Rimrock dominates Cambridge

The Rimrock Raider men took on the Cambridge Bulldogs at the District III 1A meet last Thursday and dominated the match 54-38.

The Raiders pulled out ahead in the first quarter 15-10. They continued that lead through the second and third quarters. At halftime the score was 31-18 in favor of the Raiders. At the end of the fourth it was 46 to 22 for the Raiders. But the Bulldogs weren't through. They scored 16 points in the fourth quarter while managing to hold the Raiders to 8 points as the game closed 54-38.

Wiley Aquiso was the lead scorer for the Raiders with 17 points.

"It was an important game," Rimrock Coach Gary Johnson said. "The kids came out and played well, played good defense."



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Raiders take third at state tournament

The Rimrock Raiders managed to find defensive inspiration in their first game of the 1A Girls Real Dairy Shootout last Wednesday and pulled off a 66-43 victory over the Camas County Musers.

The Raiders found themselves down 26-25 at the

half, but came back revitalized after halftime and began laying on the defense, forcing the Musers into turnovers (26 for the game) which translated into field goals for the Raiders.

Rimrock's Andrea Thomas had 11 points, Brandi Roberson scored eight points and five rebounds and Miren Miller had 15 points and four rebounds. Michelle Hipwell turned in a powerful performance of 18 points, five rebounds and four assist. The Raiders worked their way to a 32 point third

quarter.

After the victory against the Musers, the Raiders took on the Hansen Huskies last Thursday at the Real Dairy Shootout and won the match 52-36. During the first quarter the teams stayed nearly throughout, but the Raiders then turned on the juice. Michelle Hipwell led all scorers with 19, helped put the Raiders ahead as they finished the first half with a 24-17 lead.

The third quarter saw the Raiders up 31-20.

The game closed 52-36, which put the up against the Kendrick Tigers in the semifinals of the tournament last Friday.

The Tigers proved too tough for the Raiders taking a big lead and holding of the Raiders for a 52-44.

The first quarter saw the tigers leap ahead 17 to 10. They kept the lead as the first half ended at 37 to 24. The Tigers took their lead to 18 points in the third quarter as it closed 47-29. Michelle Hipwell was

high shooter for the Raiders with 16 points. Amber Brooks had high scoring honors for the Tigers with 23 points.

The loss put the Raiders up against Salmon River in the third place game on Saturday. Michelle Hipwell helped with 25 points to lead her team to a 58-46 victory in the game. Rimrock had lost in the semifinals like in the two previous seasons, but this time they claimed the third place trophy.



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Landowner wins big – prevails in “taking” case

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A long and hard fought battle for a New Mexico landowner and for all property rights advocates nationwide resulted in a stunning first stage victory for MSLF. On September 13, 2001, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims ruled that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) unconstitutionally took the property of Dr. Larry Squires, a rancher and veterinarian, when the EPA issued a May 1992 cease and desist order barring Squires’ use of his land. Squires had sought to use his arid land near Hobbs, where the evaporation rate exceeds rainfall by 100 inches annually. The EPA said that, every one or two hundred years, it rains hard enough in the area so that rain collects in the sinkholes pocketing Squires’ land. When birds land on the water, at least until the water evaporates, because the birds are “engaged in interstate commerce,” the water becomes “waters of the United States.”

Because the EPA order included a \$100,000 a day fine, Squires shut down his business use of the property, that is, disposing of waters produced during nearby oil and gas operations. With MSLF as his attorney, Squires sought a court judgment that the EPA order was unconstitutional. Both the federal district court and the court of appeals ruled that the EPA’s order was not “final” and could not be appealed. The Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

Then, again with MSLF by his side, Squires demanded to be provided “just compensation” for the EPA’s taking of his “private property” for “public use.” Clinton Administration lawyers sought to prevent Squires’ case from being heard, erecting one stonewall after another. Then, in January, 2001, the U.S. Supreme Court declared the very rule by which Squires’ property was taken from him, the Migratory Bird Rule, unconstitutional. Shortly thereafter, Squires’ case went to trial.

The Court of Federal Claims held Squires’ property was “rendered economically without value by the [EPA’s] cease and desist order.” Squires’ “legitimate, investment-backed expectations were thwarted. No economically viable uses remained. We hold, therefore, that [Squires’ property was] ‘taken’ within the meaning of Fifth Amendment and that the government must compensate [Squires].” The court then ordered the parties to prepare documentation for the court’s determination of the amount of “just compensation” owed to Squires.

MSLF’s victory in this important case is huge. It may be one of the first rulings in the country holding that a statute that protects species and their habitat causes a taking. Not surprisingly, many are thrilled: “Great news! [It] [h]olds promise for all of us in natural resources and agricultural production,” enthused Roni Bell of LaSalle, Colorado.

Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

The winter meeting of the 71 Livestock Association has been scheduled for February 26, 2002 at the Grandstands on Main Street in Buhl, Idaho. Social hour is at 11:00 a.m., lunch at 12:00 and the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Chase and Chandler Chapin of Diamond A Ranch and Cody and Cassidy Knight of Jarbidge missed out on skiing at Pomerelle last Friday. The wind and snow had blocked the road to the resort. On the way home a big juniper tree had fallen across the road in the Jarbidge Canyon so they had to lug it out of the way to get home.

David and Debra Grindstaff celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary on February 12, 2002.

The Three Creek Road District has purchased a better road grader and a new 2002 Ford Diesel pickup. Bob Taylor, road supervisor, took the new pickup to Carey Thursday to get a new bed put on it.

Road board members Harland Mink and Ira Brackett held their monthly meeting Tuesday night.

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An Avalanche exclusive interview

Wayne Hage: warrior and scholar

Interview by Robert Boatman

Wayne Hage has been hounded by media people from all over the world since the landmark federal ruling in *Hage v. United States* was handed down early this month. He has spoken to a few, including the *Avalanche*.

This interview began in Murphy at the winter meeting of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association and continued during a session of several uninterrupted hours at Wayne's office at Stewards of the Range in Meridian. Hage says it is the most extensive interview he has ever given to anyone with the possible exception of Tony Snow, current FoxNews TV anchor who used earlier Hage material as the basis of a highly acclaimed editorial for the *Washington Times*.

The interview begins with a boy's first thrilling step into the buckaroo life and spans 50 turbulent years to climax with a federal court decision which recognizes horrendous U.S. government abuses of its citizens, broadens the application of Constitutionally guaranteed private property rights, and redefines the true meaning of "public lands."

Wayne Hage is an eloquent spokesman for Western freedom issues and his words are important. His scholarly book, *Storm Over Rangelands* (Free Enterprise Press, third edition 1994), is a standard in the Western land rights movement. One of the advantages a weekly newspaper has over a daily is that we can allot as much space as we feel is necessary to cover a vital issue. Virtually the entire Wayne Hage interview is produced here in four parts over a period of weeks.

Part I: Life on the open range

AVALANCHE: Let's start at the beginning.

WAYNE HAGE: I was born in Elko, Nevada. My father was involved in mining, what you'd call today a consulting geologist. A lot of the other members of the family were involved in ranching and from the time I was a little kid I was out on the ranches.

At that time, as soon as a kid was old enough to do any kind of work they figured he should be working, which is a concept I fully agree with. I think that's some of the best education you can get. So I pretty well grew up with ranching.

Then in the hard winter of '51 and '52 so many of the people, including relatives, were facing a devastatingly hard winter, desperate for help, and so I convinced my parents to let me drop out of school with the provision that I'd come back and finish up high school. Well, the way it turned out, I got out on the ranches working and I decided not to come back. I basically spent my high school years working around the different ranches in that country and, of course, at that time you had the big cattle outfits and they'd put out a roundup wagon and they'd just stay out on the range for maybe ten months of the year. For a teenage boy to be living that kind of a life, that was something that made school sound pretty dull and uninteresting so I just stayed with it.

The first time I saw Idaho I was helping an uncle of mine who had a horse operation. He ran several thousand head of horses on the open range, and those horses were scattered all the way from the Humboldt River in Nevada to way up here in the Diamond A desert in Idaho. In the Fall of '53 I took a job over on Juniper Mountain in the Owyhees breaking horses for a fellow over there.

I've got a lot of fond memories about the country down here in Owyhee County and the whole Owyhee bunch. The first Owyhee guy I worked for was a legend in his own time, Henry Rubelt. He was considered the most ornery s-o-b that ever walked anywhere and I think probably he was. I got along with him pretty good, but he was a miserable son-of-a-gun. Those are the ones you learn from. Tough, I'll tell you. Tough isn't strong enough, you have to invent a new word.

One time Henry and I were in a rectangular stockade corral and I had a black 6-year-old horse there I was just starting. He was just one of those kinds of horses, he was just mean, anything you did he'd try to get you. So I told Henry there's no sense messing with this horse on the ground, he's never going to be gentle. I'd have a leg tied up on him and he'd still make a dive at you trying to get you. I said the only thing you can do with a horse like this is just get on him and go.

Now Henry was a big stout guy, big in the arms and shoulders, just a real powerful man. And I have seen some good ones but I've never in my life seen anybody that could mug a horse like Henry could. I'd rope a horse and Henry would go down the rope and get hold of one ear – and I'm not talking about colts – and if he got hold of one ear the fight was over. He'd hold a horse like that for you and you'd get on him and Henry would turn him loose.

So Henry eared this black horse down for me and I got on. He was bucking around that corral and he couldn't buck worth a d---. But he hit that slick ground on the side of the creek and he went down. I let him get out from under me instead of coming up with him so we had to start over. Henry said let's get him out here in this big lot – we had a big lot with a willow fence around it out there. He said you get him out here, there's no slick ground out here. So he got the horse eared down again – he was about 30 feet from the corral fence – I got on him again and Henry turned him loose. I don't think that horse even looked back at me, he just took one look at Henry and made a dive for him. Henry had quite a pot belly on him and didn't look like he could get out of a walk. But, I'll tell you, three strides and he was on top of that corral fence. It was so funny I almost got myself in a wreck thinking about it. Henry was just double-tough and to see him with a look of terror on his face and heading for that corral fence the way he did, I thought that was rich.

I liked Henry, he was the first man I ever worked for in the state of Idaho and I'll never forget him.

The Korean War was on at the time and a lot of my friends had been drafted. The ones that came back were telling me whatever you do don't get in the Infantry.

That's a mess over there because they're not trying to win the war. They'd tell me stories about taking

one hill and losing a lot of men and then the next day giving it up because of some negotiation, and then a few days later have to go back and take the same hill at the cost of a lot of men. The guys were thoroughly disgusted and totally discouraged and they told me, it's a no-win situation and whatever you do don't get in the Infantry.

So I figured the way to beat this was to enlist. So I went down to the Post Office in Elko to enlist in the Marines. I got to the Marine recruiter's office and he was gone, the door was locked. A guy stepped out of the office next door, the Air Force recruiting office, and as it happened I knew the guy. I knew him real well. He was a Medal of Honor winner from World War II who had a hard time adhering to military discipline and I understand he'd worked his CO over back in Salt Lake where they'd had him stationed, but

because he was a Medal of Honor winner they couldn't really do much to him so they exiled him out to Elko as a Recruiting Sergeant. I knew him real well, he was a good friend of the family. And he said, "What the hell are you doing here?" And I told him I'd come to enlist in the Marines and he said "What do you want

to enlist in the Marines for?" and I gave him some answer, I don't remember what it was.

He said, "You're a dumb s.o.b. Just look at you. You haven't been to high school. You enlist in the Marines and put in three years and when you get out you'll still be a dumb s.o.b. But let me tell you what the Air Force can do for you." And he started to explain how he could get me in so I'd have a lot of educational opportunities and before I knew it I had signed on the line and enlisted in the Air Force for four years. I did get extremely good schooling, I came out at the top of all my classes, learned a lot about electronics and made up my high school with a G.E.D. test.

When I came out of the Air Force I went right back on the ranches. Once you

get that in your blood, making a living horseback in that kind of an atmosphere where every day is a new adventure, it's hard to get that out of your system. So I worked on the ranches for a while. But I had the G.I. Bill and I thought, well, I'm not going to pass that up. I came up and applied at Boise Junior College and I put a year in there and had good grades and transferred to the University of Nevada where I finished up my degree. And then I went to Colorado State University to do some Master's work and got married while I was back there and ended up coming back to a little ranch just over the Nevada line in northern California and that's where all my children were born. We were there 15 years. And I finished up my Master's degree at the University of Nevada, it was just 45 minutes out of Reno, with a degree in Livestock Nutrition and a minor in Economics.

Then we had an opportunity to get the ranch in Nevada and I wanted to get back to the kind of ranching I liked, which was the big open range type of ranching. The place we had the opportunity to buy was considered one of the best, if not the best, ranch in the state of Nevada, a tremendous outfit. Nobody ever expected it to come up for sale, but it did. So I went down and talked to the people and made the deal and bought the place. I was able to work some trades on the property we had in California and borrowed the rest.

I knew when I bought the place that the reason the people were selling was because of a lot of trouble they were having with the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. But while I was in college I had worked one summer for the Forest Service and I had worked one summer for the Bureau of Land Management, and I had taken numerous courses relating to range and range science. I had more course credits in those subjects than the vast majority of people who were in the Forest Service and the BLM so I thought, well, I won't have any trouble with them. If what they're after is good range management, I understand those things as well as they do, probably better in some cases, and I should get along just fine. I won't have any trouble.

I was pretty naive at the time.

Next week: Part II: Loss of innocence



Wayne Hage, speaking at the winter meeting of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association recently.

Commentary

Editor's notebook

Joe Aman

Right cause, wrong approach

We've been following the development of the parents' group being formed in Homedale. The group, which has chosen the name "Homedale Patrons for School Improvement" is made up of 70-some parents who want to initiate (obviously) improvements in the school district.

The goal is an honorable one. But we question the approach. Here's why:

School districts are a governmental entity, made up of a governing board chosen by the citizens of the district. The board then hires a general manager (superintendent) who is to oversee the management of the district, such as keeping track of the finances, overseeing his or her 'branch managers' (principals), who oversee their charges (teachers) who, finally, supervise and teach the students. That's the chain of command.

We agree with the patron group in that there's a lot of things wrong with our school district. We won't go into them here, since the subject is how to make changes to the lack of leadership, not the results of that lack.

A parent organization as is touted is nothing short of a pressure group. It has no legal status for making policy, although this seems to be their intent. The solution for change is to solicit new candidates for the board. There are two trustee terms up this spring (Fred Butler and Kirt Weimer), offering the timely opportunity to challenge present governing policies.

Then we would urge a voter turn-out drive. In the last election, each elected candidate received a few more than a measly 30 votes.

Our system of government is not that of direct control by the citizens, but that of a representative government. The citizens elect their representatives who govern that entity. If the citizenry is dissatisfied with the way the elected officials govern, the polls are the place to make changes, not at the meetings by a group with its own agenda.



More studies

Last week we ran a report of the Homedale Chamber meeting, in which a pitch was made for a project to study the loss of jobs in the county, due, "in part, to the Idaho Power buy-back program".

I was not at the meeting. That's probably good, because I probably wouldn't have kept my mouth shut.

To begin, the Sage Community Resources had sent us a news release the week prior, stating that Owyhee County was involved in the funding of the project. In checking with commissioner Chris Salove, we learned that, yes, the Sage people had asked the county for money, but, no, the county had not agreed to help pay for the project. Had I been at the meeting, I probably would have challenged the speaker who claimed that the county was involved.

Next, I probably would have argued that, based on past experience, the study would not help the county, but only the people doing the study. Some years back, these same "studiers" (they went by the name "Ida-Ore" back then) charged the Homedale Task Force thousands of dollars to do a study with a similar purpose as the new proposal.

The task force was made up of a group of area businesspeople desiring to boost the local economy. We met each week and put a lot of effort into achieving our goals. We paid Ida-Ore ten thousand or so dollars to do this study. Then we waited. And waited.

Finally we were told it was completed. What we got was a nice notebook filled with the information we had gathered on our own, only in a neat package. Admittedly, it was attractive ... colored graphs, charts, etc.

Maybe we were naive, but we expected more. We wanted results from the promises made. We wanted to see some jobs created. We wanted to attract industry and businesses.

I still have my notebook. And each time I come across it, I think of these government-subsidized "studies" which create and maintain jobs†— but primarily for those conducting the studies.

Yeh, it's best I didn't attend the meeting.

Front sight

Robert Boatman

Warriors, scholars and the cowboy way

Around 400 B.C., that old Greek buckaroo Thucydides penned one of his best one-liners: "The state that separates its scholars from its warriors will have its thinking done by cowards and its fighting done by fools."

Of course, when he said "warriors" the learned historian meant men whose daily work routine included obliterating as many of the enemy as possible. And when he said "scholars" he meant men who knew everything it was important for them to know. (He was certainly not using the contemporary definition of "scholar" which means a badly dressed refugee from reality who has been thoroughly indoctrinated in the hare-brained fallout from that self-deluded clown Karl Marx who got rave reviews in the academic press when he came up with the biggest intellectual joke of the late 19th century and they haven't stopped telling that one on college campuses even today and it's just too bad that TV-bred kids of college age and their shaggy-minded professors don't have a more sophisticated sense of humor because they still haven't got the joke.)

In short, Thucydides' warrior was not a crybaby or a draft dodger, and his scholar was not a sheep-human hybrid fabricated at one of our politically correct institutions of so-called higher learning. I think the heroic warrior-scholar the Greek held up as a role model was most likely a cowboy. A sharp-shooting cowboy who found himself forced to learn Constitutional law in order to turn the tables on craven government bushwhackers. I think that classical champion was exactly the kind of tough, well-informed cowboy we have in abundance in and around the Owyhees today. You know the names better than I do.

Based on his line of thinking, I'm sure Thucydides would have felt right at home in these hills despite the lack of Doric columns and olive trees. He also said once that "to be happy means to be free, and to be free means to be brave." In 2500 years of trying, that's one of the best definitions I've ever heard of that ancient warrior code recently termed the cowboy way.



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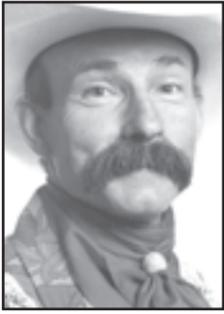
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Commentary

On the edge of common sense

Baxter Black, DVM



Finding a purpose

The kindest thing I ever do for my wife is to ask her to pick something up for me when she is going shopping. Nonessential tasks are so much easier if there is some purpose involved.

I enjoy bein' a horseback. And I enjoy entertaining on trail rides. But I rarely accept an invitation just to go riding. However, I try not to turn down an opportunity to gather cows, ride fence, go roping, brand at the neighbors, test new saddle soap, try out new horseshoes, exercise the dogs or search for deer sign.

Something serious...meaningful, worth doin', 'See ya, dear, me and the kid are goin' to the south pasture to check for (pick one: Kudzu invasion, alien sighting, rhinoceros tracks or sheep on the half shell), be back in a couple of hours.'

How 'bout Border Collies and bird dogs trapped in an urban backyard. Thank goodness they don't feel the need to lead meaningful lives or they wouldn't be caught dead chasing frisbees or walking on their hind legs for a Co-op dog biscuit. Can't you imagine how their heart would sing for the sound of a shotgun or the smell of an ol' ewe!

I've often wondered if martial arts practitioners get so tired of posturing, practicing and pulling their punches, that they slip out and deliver a few swift kicks and Judo chops to the occasional jaywalker or rude motorist.

I've seen ambulance drivers suddenly turn on the siren and speed up. I find them down the road three miles at the coffee shop. I figger it gives them a momentary surge of adrenaline and scares the pea-

waddin' out of us. But it's nothing like the rush they get when lives are on the line.

The Army, government bureaucracies, parents and compassionate corporations insist on endless make work projects, to keep the oar pullers busy. At-the-ready, so to speak. And, I could apply this same logic to riding a horse on a nonessential mission. It could just be keeping horse and man sharp or, at least mounted part of the time in case of a sudden stampede, mail delivery or cavalry attack. It's the same logic used by NORAD who keep 1/3 of their bombers in the air at all times.

Whatever reason, I feel better if I'm horseback for a practical reason. So, in deference to my wife who often goes shopping the way cavemen went hunting, with no specific game in mind, I feel I give her some focus, and relief if I ask her to pick me up some specific item.

'Course it helps if what I want is on her way.

Letters to the editor

Women's rights campaigner

I would like to wish Susan B. Anthony a happy birthday on February 15, 2002. That day commemorates the 182nd Anniversary of her birthday.

Most people recognize the name Susan B. Anthony as that of the great women's rights campaigner. Susan B. Anthony was indeed instrumental in helping women achieve the right to vote in 1920. Susan B. Anthony believed that all people should be treated equally and she made no exception for the unborn.

Susan B. Anthony believed that unborn children had the right to life and she referred to abortion as "child murder" in her newspaper, *The Revolution*. She recognized the need to "eradicate the most monstrous crime" of abortion from society. It is often unreported in history that Anthony held such strong pro-life views.

That is why I'm writing to you today in honor of her birthday. I want everyone to know that Susan B. Anthony was not just a champion for women, but also a champion for the unborn.

Happy Birthday Susan B. Anthony!

Stacy C. Fisher
Marsing, Idaho

Enjoys column

I really enjoy reading the *Avalanche*. Joe Aman's right-wing hysteria is hilarious. It seems that if he doesn't have something to write about, he makes it up. I refer to his "Anyone remember this" article of February 13th.

He refers to Ollie North's grilling by a senator and North's reply that the terrorist that threatened him was "Osama bin Laden." If Joe had taken the time to look at the tape he would have known that the terrorist referred to was "Abu Nidal." Furthermore, I am not sure it was Senator Gore that asked the question.

I suggest you research your sources Joe, even if they are a relative.

Mike Brown
Homedale

Guest opinion

The gate needs to swing both ways

by Dave Nelson

Over the last few weeks, I've seen a lot of stories about Fish & Game that seem to dwell on personal decisions of former personnel. I want to put a few of those things in perspective - but I especially want to focus on the future.

When Rod Sando came to Idaho I was one of the first people to sit down with him. I welcomed him to Idaho and told him that we needed to work together and I was ready to do whatever it took. Since then the Idaho Cattle Association has invited him to 6 statewide and small group meetings with our membership.

Raising beef cows and elk cows are very similar projects. The reason is simple - landowners provide the high quality, critical habitat that get our game herds through the winter. Farmers and ranchers not only care for the land but we have a lot in common with the sportsmen of Idaho. In a 2000 survey of our ICA membership over 2/3 of them have a hunting or fishing license. Beyond that 87% allow other sportsmen access to their private property.

Cattlemen and women across the State still want to move forward and we stand ready to work with the Fish & Game and true sportsmen to make that happen. We've got too much in common and too much to lose if we don't. None of this is news - the problems have been building before Steve Mealy or Rod Sando ever arrived on the scene. What we need now is a Director who will ensure that his or her staff start building bridges rather than planting land mines that pull us all away from the real need for fish and game management.

Now is the time for all of the true sportsmen to stand up and be counted. I've known a lot of these folks through my lifelong interest in these issues - what I hear from them on a daily basis is a lot different than what I've been reading in the newspaper. Radical groups like the Idaho Conservation League and Idaho Wildlife Federation with preservationist agendas shouldn't be viewed as the spokesmen for wildlife management in this state. We need to head towards active management of our wildlife and predators that comes with a little common sense.

We have real problems when it comes to wildlife management or lack thereof in this state. Non-existent management of predators has allowed an over abundance of bears, cougars, coyotes, fox, and avian predators. The historical fixation by Fish & Game staff on habitat has proven to be a way to reduce livestock grazing. The build up of predators

has a devastating impact on sage grouse, antelope, elk, and deer. If the wildlife herds are to flourish and sportsmen to have hunting opportunities then we've got to have active management.

In the cougar case, ICA simply asked Sando to follow the law. Instead, he chose to politicize the case by going to the press. The prosecuting attorney interviewed witnesses and dropped the charges. He followed the law.

The way to fix those things is to re-install a cooperative spirit between F&G staff and landowners on wildlife enhancement programs on private and public lands. We've also got to be working together when it comes to diseases that affect both domesticated animals and wildlife.

Our goals as ranchers and as sportsmen really are the same - we can't continue to be on the opposite side of the fence just because we always have been. The gate is open at my place and countless others - so why don't we see if we can't make it swing both ways?

Nelson is a rancher from Mackay and current president of the Idaho Cattle Association.

Who are Idaho's top 50 conservatives?

Get your nominations in, folks.

A merry band of conservative compatriots have embarked upon the much-needed task of assembling the "Idaho's Top 50 Conservatives List." Idahoans for Tax Reform will serve as the clearinghouse for the task.

Nominations of individuals you believe should be on the Top 50 list are now being accepted. Send nominations, via mail or email, to Laird Maxwell, Idahoans for Tax Reform, 702 W. Hays, Ste. 16, Boise, ID 83702, Email imaxwell@rmci.net, subject line: Top 50.

Maxwell has a whole Blue Ribbon Committee lined up for final judging, and he says nominations should be restricted to *real conservatives only*. Clearly, Owyhee County should dominate these proceedings. -RB

Commentary

Accuracy in media

Reed Irvine

The missing witness, Cliff Baxter

As Enron executives and former executives appear before congressional committees and plead the fifth amendment or lose their memories, there has been no mention in the media of a key witness who would very likely not plead the fifth or forget the details of practices that he complained about before he retired from his position as vice chairman of Enron last May.

That key witness is J. Cliff Baxter, who was probably shown the door because he had complained to Chairman Ken Lay about one of the 2,800 partnerships that Enron created to conceal its debts, inflate its profits and siphon off millions of dollars for some of the investors and a few of its own executives. Baxter specifically criticized the LJM2 partnership. On Feb. 12, the Wall Street Journal reported the discovery of a document that shows that Ken Lay was involved in approving some of the transactions of LJM2 even though both he and his wife had claimed that he was not fully informed about the operations of the partnerships.

The Journal ran this story on the day that Ken Lay invoked his right not to incriminate himself when he appeared before the Senate Commerce Committee. Cliff Baxter, who knew a lot about LJM2 and other matters that might incriminate Ken Lay, had been subpoenaed by one Senate committee, and his lawyer had been notified that a House committee was interested in talking to him. Unfortunately, Baxter will not be able to testify before either one. He was found dead in his Mercedes, close to his home in Sugar Land, Texas, at 2:23 a. m. on Friday, January 25. He had been killed by a gunshot to the temple. A thirty-eight caliber handgun was found in the car.

The Wall Street Journal had reported on Jan. 28 that the Sugar Land police had "quickly put out a press release with the headline 'Suicide.'" Someone must have reminded them that in such cases they are supposed to make an investigation to rule out the possibility of homicide. They soon changed the headline to "Death Investigation." The medical examiner who performed the autopsy that same day called it a suicide without waiting for the results of the police probe. The media promptly reported the death as a suicide.

The New York Times story on Jan. 26 reported that the police had concluded it was suicide, saying he "had been shot once in the head with a thirty-eight caliber handgun" and that he "had left a note" but they would not release its contents. In the weeks that have followed, the only additional information the police have released is that they requested a trace on the gun. That suggests that no one in the Baxter family was able to identify the gun as one that he owned. The police have also shown that they don't want to release the note Baxter allegedly left. They have asked the Texas Attorney General for a ruling on whether the law requires them to release it.

If the gun had been identified by a family member as one that belonged to Baxter; if he owned .38 rat-shot ammunition, the type that killed him; and if his fingerprints had been found on the gun and the spent casing, that would be pretty good evidence that homicide could be ruled out. In addition, if the note was written in handwriting that qualified experts have found to be Baxter's, and if it explains to his family why he decided to kill himself, that would help rule out homicide. If his fingerprints were on the note, that would wrap up the case for suicide. The failure of the police to report the discovery of such evidence points in the opposite direction.

Some news stories have suggested that Baxter was distraught, but that is not what his family says, according to a sources close to them. He was trading in his 72-foot yacht for a larger one. He is said to have completed the transaction the day before he died. The New York Times reported that a friend had called Baxter that same day to compliment him for having been an Enron whistleblower. The friend revealed that Baxter had said, in an undisclosed context, "I'm a businessman. Why do I need a bodyguard?"

Maybe he did. Maybe he was warned. Since the police are not exploring that angle, one of the committees probing Enron might consider looking into Cliff Baxter's untimely, for him, demise.

Legislative report

by Representative Sher Sellman

"Water, water everywhere, and yet the watt should shrink" is a paraphrase of the much quoted lines, "Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink. Water, water everywhere and yet the boards did shrink" from "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner."

From the paraphrase, we wonder, "Why don't our rates per kilowatt hour go down when there is plenty of water around for hydroelectricity?"

My investigation into our high electricity bills has brought forth this information. Regulated industries such as Idaho Power work differently than other companies. They respond very slowly to change because of the state's regulation of their business and prices. This is called regulatory lag. Also, by law, regulations control excessive profits, while they at the same time, must allow the company to have the opportunity to make a profit.

In May and September of 2001, the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) gave Idaho Power the permission to raise rates. The first increased rate was due to the drought and less hydroelectricity being generated. To offset this loss, Idaho Power was forced to buy other energy, some involving natural gas which also has become expensive. They were moving towards a negative profit so rates were allowed to go up to recover from those high wholesale energy costs.

In September, the commission had completed its review of some of the costs whose fairness was questioned by customers. The PUC determined that most of those costs were appropriate, and the company was authorized to begin recovering them. Thus, there was a second rate increase in October.

These rate increases afflict the residential bill payer. The residential billing structure is 3 tiered with the rates per kilowatt going up as one consumes more energy. With our colder than usual winter, power bills become even more onerous. I can understand the frustration of those living in "totally electric homes". Idaho Power promoted that concept in the 1960's and 1970's.

Our agricultural folks are also laboring under the high power costs. High lift operators out of the Snake can hardly find a profit as farm commodities receive low prices. From the 40,000 acres in Elmore County set aside last season, perhaps only 60% will come back into production. This devastates our farmers and causes great stress to our economy.

Will our price of "watts shrink"? Perhaps, but it will not be ASAP. Regulatory committees and companies have to work through so much data that "regulatory lag time" prevents quick action. Also, it would take another good water year to fill our reservoirs for reliable hydroelectricity.

Another factor is that programs like the "buy back" paid to irrigators cost the company money. While the program helped relieve last summer's energy shortage, the costs still have not been recovered by Idaho Power.

Members of the Legislature's Interim Committee on Electrical Restructuring have hopes that our power bills may go down.

Another issue is raised as IDACORP announced very handsome earnings. How can Idaho Power raise our rates, yet their parent company show a large profit?

Again, corporate America is complicated. Idaho Power is the regulated part of IDACORP. They had earnings of \$.60 per share compared to a \$1.97 a share in 2000. Some of its unregulated subsidiaries showed a profit; others showed a loss. IdaCorp Energy, a power brokerage firm, showed a profit (\$2.87). IdaCorp Financial that finances low income housing made a small profit (\$.14). The company's telecommunications and fuel cell, IdaCom, showed a loss (\$.39). Ida-West Energy that builds power plants like the proposed Garnet plant in Middleton, showed a profit (\$.13). If you love math, these figures will give you the \$3.35 per share that IDACORP declared as earnings.

Each of these subsidiaries stand alone. There is no passing of profits or losses from one company to another. Yet, they have a consolidated earnings or loss through the mother company, IDACORP.

High power rates are an "albatross" hanging on the necks of all Idahoans. They affect our pocketbooks, not only when paying our monthly bills, but they also affect our local and state economies. This legislature is working hard to solve this serious situation of high power rates.

Any electrifying comments? Send to ssellman@house.state.id.us or call 332-1000.



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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 10, 1977

Girls to work for donations to Shrine Hospital

HOMEDALE—Local Job's Daughters are offering their services in a fund-raising drive this Saturday, it was announced this week.

The girls will be available from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Saturday to do odd jobs, including housework, window washing, and the like, and will accept donations to be given to the Shrine Hospital.

Solicitations being made for auction

HOMEDALE – Solicitations are being made for the second annual community auction in Homedale.

Anyone with items to donate may leave them at the Senior Citizen Center, or contact Monte Kirstine, chairman. The auction will be held Saturday, February 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the Washington Grade School.

Proceeds from the event will be used for various projects, including a disaster fund, Kirstine added.

Valuation increases in Owyhee County

The assessed valuation of Owyhee County has increased over \$1.7 million from 1975 to 1976, according to statistics released by the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho this week.

According to the AT of I figures, the total assessed valuation for Owyhee County for 1976 is \$19,732,654 as compared to \$17,973,683 for 1975.

Grizzlies captured by Trojans 63-49 in Saturday contest

HOMEDALE – The Homedale Trojans upset Fruitland, 63-49, to keep the Grizzlies from gaining a share of the Snake River Valley Conference leadership Saturday night.

The Grizzlies had a chance to tie the Kelly Knights for the SRV lead after the Knights lost to Kuna. But the Trojans hit 45 percent of their field goals to end Fruitland's hopes.

Gerald Pearson poured in 26 points to lead Homedale past Fruitland. The Trojans built a 25-20 half-time lead, then upped it to 44-31 entering the final period.

The Grizzlies managed to hit only 20 out of 63 field goals for 32 percent, while Homedale connected on 28 out of 62 tries. Jim Paxton pulled in 17 rebounds to lead Homedale to a 43-39 advantage on the boards.

Larry Arnall led a balanced Fruitland attack with 12 points. James Gentry added 11 points, Jim Church 10 and Leland Sasaki 10. Ron Baigrie added 10 points for the Trojans

Marsing wins, loses in weekend games

MARSING – On Friday, February 4, Marsing played the Rimrock Raiders in which they were defeated 72-60.

Todd Percifield scored 14 for the Huskies followed by Chris Acker with 13, Ralph Robbins and Darrell Merritt each 11, Robb Mankin 6 and John Miller 5.

Chris Acker was high rebounder for the Huskies with 16 of the team's 56 rebounds.

On Saturday, February 5, the Huskies played McCall and defeated the Vandals 52 to 45. This win brought the Huskies to a 6 and 11 season record.

Marsing's high scorers were Todd Percifield with 15, Ralph Robbins 9, Robb Mankin and John Miller each 8, Chris Acker, Darrell Merritt, and Craig Clapier each 4. The Huskies were 40 percent from the free throw line, and 33 percent from the floor.

50 years ago

February 21, 1952

Owyhee School Supt. Grammer to Attend Portland Meeting

Mrs. Mary Grammer, Owyhee county superintendent of schools will leave February 26 for Portland, Ore., where she will represent 15 southwestern Idaho counties at a planning meeting of county administrators. Four county superintendents from Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana will attend this meeting, as well as representatives from the education departments of each state, making a group of about 30 persons.

Mrs. Grammer was elected as a delegate to the meeting by the county superintendents of southwestern Idaho.

City Installs New Lights On Streets

The new street lights, installed by the Idaho Power company in Homedale, are the beginning of a five-year plan to brighten up the streets, according to Mrs. Katherine Little, city clerk.

The additional cost to the city will be about \$45 per month. The lights, 16 in all, are spread along Idaho avenue from First street east to Third street west, one on Main street and seven scattered through the residential area of town.

Those in the business district are 6,000 lumen lamps, the one in front of the American Legion hall is a 4,000 lumen lamp, and those in the residential area are 2,500 lumen lamps.

C.B. League Takes Over Cafe

C.B. League, Rockaway, Ore., took over operation of the café in Scotty's Sport Shop, Homedale, Friday. Mrs. League is expected to arrive here next week.

Mrs. and Mrs. League formerly were in café business at Wheeler, Ore. His daughter, Mrs. Clyde Newman, is assisting at the café until Mrs. League arrives.

Trojans Play Parma Here Saturday Night; Will End Conference

The Homedale Trojans will meet Parma here Saturday night, February 23, in their final conference game before entering the class B tournament at Fruitland Wednesday, February 27.

The Fruitland tournament will be a three-day affair and the three top teams will move on to Wilder for playoffs on March 5-8. Other class B tournaments are being held at Kuna and Council.

Work to Begin This Year on County Road Building

An Owyhee county planning board meeting was held at Murphy, February 12.

Mr. Blackstock reported that he had met with various highway districts and with officials of Homedale and Marsing on the merits of joining with the county and obtaining a rock crusher which would be used jointly for crushing and stockpiling gravel. Due to the initial expense that would be involved in securing equipment for this operation and the many details that would be involved, the board, by unanimous vote, decided to postpone this project.

Mr. Blackstock, chairman of the road committee, reported that progress was being made on the Marsing-Indian Cove federal aid secondary highway system, and that state and federal engineers made an inspection of the first project of this system February 12. The first project is the road from highway 51 to 2 1/2 miles south of the C.J. Strike dam near Grand View. If they approve the survey, construction will start on this project this spring.

134 years ago

Feb. 8, 1868

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

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

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

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

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

STRUCK IT RICH IN THE POTOSI. – We made mention of the Potosi mine last week. Rich gold and silver ore was struck in the bottom of the shaft last Tuesday. We noticed on the dump about a couple of tons just taken out, and it was truly a goodly sight to look at. In much of it could be seen pure crystallized silver and also gold. The rich streak is from twelve to fourteen inches in width, besides broken veins on each side that indicate a large ledge of solid quartz at a greater depth. The boys are "in luck," and they deserve it. For over two years they have labored with untiring energy, and under many disadvantages, confident that a fortune was in store for them.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On **Monday, June 10, 2002** at the hour of **11:00 o'clock A.M.**, of said day, **on the step of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho.**

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 3 in Block 5 of Big Sky Estates No. 2 to the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Official Plat on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 607 Selway Drive, Homedale, ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Michael L. Fox, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of USDA, Rural Development, formerly known as the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture as Beneficiary, recorded January 20, 1999 as Instrument No. 227267, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$76,231.53 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.375% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated January 19, 1999 and an Assumption Agreement dated January 19, 1999. Payments are in default for the months of January of 2001 through and including January of 2002 in the amount of \$530.70 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$74,748.77 in Principal; Interest is \$5,143.88, subsidy granted is \$2,397.06, principal reduction attributed to subsidy is \$0.00, and fees currently assessed is \$1,341.01 computed through January 17, 2002 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$13.0799. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure and the balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$77,145.83, excluding interest and costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: February 4, 2002
Alliance Title and Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer

2/20, 27, 3/6, 13/02

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE LOAN NO. 5759457 T.S. NO. 1038266-09

On June 11, 2002, at the hour of 10:00am, of said day, at THE LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, HWY 78 OWYHEE, IDAHO, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the high bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE, state of IDAHO, and described as follows, to wit:

A parcel of land being a portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee Count, Idaho, lying South and West of the centerline of the Highline Canal (Reynolds Canal Company), said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a found brass cap marking the Section corner common to Sections 18 and 19, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County,

Idaho and Sections 13 and 24, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

South 89 degrees 42'40" East 1291.68 feet along the South boundary of said Section 18 to a found railroad spike marking the West Sixteenth corner common to said Sections 18 and 19, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence continuing

South 89 degrees 42'40" East 16.72 feet along the said South boundary of Section 18 to a set 1/2 inch iron pin, said pin also marking the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

North 0 degrees 11'37" East 550.66 feet to a point of intersection with the centerline of said Highline Canal (Reynolds Canal Company) said point being witnessed by a set 1/2 inch iron pin which bears

South 0 degrees 11'37" West 52.93 feet; thence

South 37 degrees 27'00" East 696.32 feet along said centerline of the Highline Canal (Reynolds Canal Company) to a point on the said South boundary of Section 18, said point being witnessed by a set 1/2 inch iron pin which bears

North 89 degrees 42'40" West 31.61 feet; thence

North 89 degrees 42'40" West 425.28 feet along said South boundary of Section 18 to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as HC79 BOX 47 MELBA ID 83641

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by DENNIS D READ AND MICHELLE L READ, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor, to ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP as Trustee, for the benefit and security of NORTH AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY as Beneficiary, recorded April 23, 2000, as Instrument No. 232174, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, Idaho THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is:

Failure to pay the monthly payment due August 1, 2001 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust.

The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$122,001.11 including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation

thereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
C/O CAL-WESTERN R E C O N V E Y A N C E CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 22004
EL CAJON CA 92022-9004
(619)590-9200

DATED: February 06, 2002
Signature/by Luis Cerda,
Title Officer

2/20, 27, 3/6, 13/02

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 11, 2002, at the hour of eleven o'clock a.m. of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public action to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

The West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, in Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 119 SOMMER CAMP ROAD, MELBA, IDAHO, may sometimes be associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by SHERRY M. ELIAS, a married woman, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, as Trustee, and HOPKINS NORTHWEST FUND, L.L.C., an Idaho Limited Liability Company, "as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series "NW" Debenture Holders," as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on December 20, 2000, as Instrument No. 234631, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated December 12, 2000, in the amount of \$632.67 per month, including both principal and interest, for November 2001 through December 2001 and

each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges in the amount of \$25.31 per month for November 2001 through December 2001 and each month thereafter until paid, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.

The balance owing as of the date thereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$13,923.37 in principal, plus accrued interest at the rate of eighteen percent (18.00%) per annum from November 21, 2001, plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of five percent (5.00%) per annum from January 3, 2002, until the default is cured, plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2002.
WILLIAM R. SNYDER & ASSOCIATED
A Professional Association
By: Mark D. Perison, of the Firm
Attorneys for Trustee
2/6, 13, 20, 27/02

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Marsing Ambulance Service Inc. will hold its annual meeting and election of officers on Wednesday, March 6th 2002, at 7:00pm at the Marsing Rural Fire District Station, Main Street in Marsing, Idaho.

2/20, 27/02

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

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

57-11609
101 BUILDERS INC
2417 BANK DR STE 110
BOISE ID 83705
Point(s) of Diversion NESE
S36 T04N R06W OWYHEE County
Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION
03/01 To 11/15 1.2 CFS
Total Diversion: 1.2 CFS
Date Filed: 12/07/2001
Place of Use: IRRIGATION
T04N R06W S36 SWNE NESE
NWSE

Number of Acres 60
Remark: Applicant agrees to mitigate consumptive use in the future as needed for supplemental irrigation in Sunset Ranch Subdivision. The existing well to be used was completed in 1997 as a domestic well. This well is not one of the community wells already authorized for in-house use under previous water right approval.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code.

Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before

3/11/2002. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J. DREHER, Director
2/20, 27/02

Public notices

NOTICE OF MEETING TO NOMINATE A GROWER MEMBER OF THE IDAHO POTATO COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. in the Nampa Room of the Shilo Inn, 1401 Shilo Drive, Nampa, Idaho. Nominations for one grower member of the Idaho Potato Commission may be made by qualified potato growers residing in District No. 3, which includes Owyhee, Ada, Canyon, Gem, Payette, Washington, Adams, Idaho, Lewis, Nez Perce, Clearwater, Latah, Benewah, Shoshone, Kootenai, Bonner and Boundary counties. Said growers may nominate three qualified growers for the vacancy from whom one will be appointed to the Commission by Governor Dirk Kempthorne.

Dated: February 11, 2002
Meldon B. Anderson
Executive Director
Idaho Potato Commission
2/20 and 3/6/02

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE REZONING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View School District No. 365, will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, February 20th at 7 P.M.** at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School for the purpose of considering school trustee rezoning boundaries, according to Idaho Code 33-313.

A map of the district showing how each of the new trustee zones would appear is available at the School District Office at 660 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho. For more information call 834-2253.

2/13, 20/02

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On May 29, 2002, at the hour of 10:00am, of said day, at THE LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, HWY 78 OWYHEE, IDAHO, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE, state of IDAHO, and described as follows, to wit:

This parcel is a portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the

Southwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence North 0 degrees 46'07" West along the West boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 476.12 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 55'39" East parallel with the South boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 542.41 feet; thence

South 0 degrees 46'07" East parallel with said West boundary a distance of 476.12 feet to a point on said South boundary; thence

North 89 degrees 55'39" West along said South boundary a distance of 542.41 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT all minerals in or under said land including but not limited to metals, oil, gas, coal, stone and mineral rights, mining rights and easement rights or other matters relating thereto whether expressed or implied.

Commonly known as 1325 NORTHSIDE ROAD HOMEDALE ID 83628

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by CRAIG DEMARK AND REBECCA DEMARK, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY as Trustee, for the benefit and security of NORTH AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY as Beneficiary, recorded July 01, 1999, as Instrument No. 228990, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is:

Failure to pay the monthly payment due August 1, 2001 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust.

The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$95,182.18 including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
C/O CAL-WESTERN
RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION
PO BOX 22004
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DATED: January 24, 2002
by Luis Cerda, Title Officer
2/13, 20, 27, 3/6/02



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2/13 2tc

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2/13 4tp

Older almond colored refrigerator. \$40 337-3738

2/20 1tp

Four-horse trailer for sale, \$1500. Pickup for sale \$1500. 337-4276

2/20 2tp

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2/20 4tp

2001 Chevy Cavaliers 4 dr, auto, a/c \$8988. Performance Chevrolet 1-800-743-9502

2/20 1tc

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2/6 3tc

WICAP is accepting applications for Bus Monitor/Custodians at our Marsing Head Start and Wilder Head Start sites. Exp. interacting w/children, ability to lift 50 lbs, exp in custodial. Bilingual desirable. 28 hrs wk, 33 wks per yr. Entry \$6.56. Contact WICAP at 315 S Main, Payette for application package, 642-9086. Closes 02-22-02 12:00 noon. EOE/AA.

2/20 1tc

THANK YOU

Thanks to the Marsing Fire Dept for their quick response to my shop and also thanks to all the neighbors and friends for calling the Fire Dept and for notifying me.

Gene Hill
Hill's Custom Molding

The family of Bette Churruca extends our deep appreciation and many thanks to everyone. Thank you for all your cards, phone calls, food, flowers, your visits and prayers during Bette's illness.

Thanks to those friends who we are and are not aware of but who enriched Bette's life with their friendship for so many years. To Father Oscar who celebrated the memorial mass in honor of Bette, as we should all remember her. To the funeral luncheon ministry and friends, who helped everyone to gather and visit during the luncheon, as well as enjoy the food served.

We want to thank those of you who donated in Bette's memory. This is truly a generous and charitable way to honor Bette. God bless each and every one of you.

The family of Bette Churruca

Public notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Southwest District Board of Health will hold a **Board Meeting** on Tuesday, February 26, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Southwest District Health, Room 200, 920 Main Street, Caldwell, Idaho.

2/20/02

Baker Auction Co. Annual Early Spring CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

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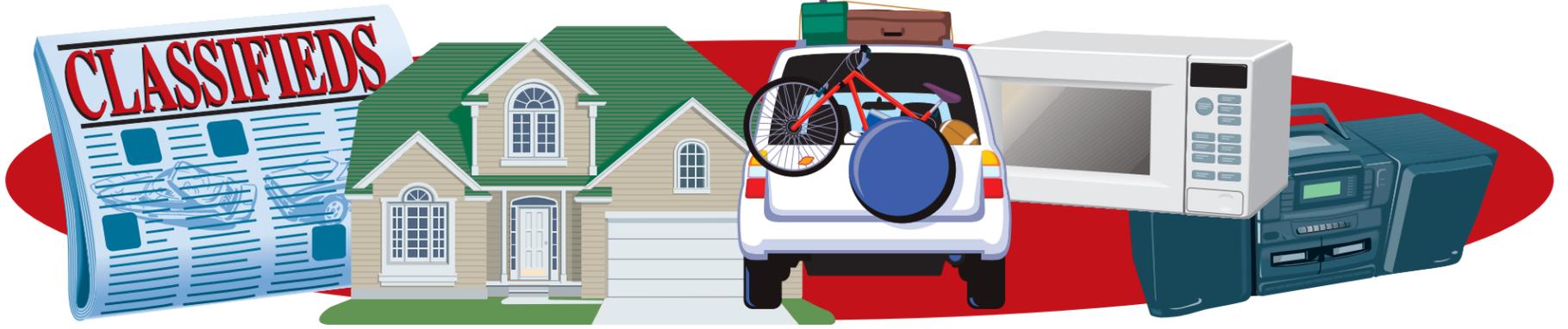
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