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SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

BLM announces grazing fee increase

The grazing fee for Western federal lands managed by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management and the USDA Forest Service will be \$1.43 per animal unit month in 2004, up from \$1.35 in 2003. The newly adjusted fee, which takes effect March 1, applies to more than 18,000 grazing permits and leases administered by the BLM and more than 8,000 permits administered by the Forest Service.

The formula used for calculating the grazing fee, established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act, has continued under a presidential Executive Order issued in 1986. An animal unit month, or AUM, is the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and her calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats for a month. Under the 1986 Executive Order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per AUM.

The annually adjusted grazing fee is computed by using a 1966 base value of \$1.23 per AUM for livestock grazing on federal lands in Western states. The figure is then adjusted according to three factors — current private grazing land lease rates, beef cattle prices, and the cost of livestock production. Based on the formula, the 2004 fee rose primarily because of an increase in beef cattle prices in 2003.

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Republicans

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney candidate Mathew Faulks and U.S. Senator Larry Craig speak during last week's Lincoln Day dinner in Marsing. Faulks, county sheriff Gary Aman and county commissioner Dick Reynolds announced their intentions to run for county offices this year. Beginning March 8 the county clerk will accept petitions for candidacy.

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City records released to State investigators

Last Wednesday, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, Mayor Paul Fink and a councilman Steve Schultz met with investigators at the Idaho State Police and turned over records, receipts and documents of "discrepancies" in the city's records-keeping system.

Only two weeks into the job of mayor, Fink said he had to ask law enforcement to investigate the city's bookkeeping records because of missing computer entries and missing receipts on a credit city credit card.

Mayor Paul Fink said last week that he would not say what documents had been released to investigators, but he said "lots" of information was given. He said the discrepancy in charges

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Poultry heist results in recovery of stolen equipment

During the process of searching for stolen poultry in Canyon County, detectives were able to assist Owyhee County in the recovery of over \$90,000 in construction equipment from the Grand View area.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said last week that his department recovered two large water pumps, a

generator, acetylene torch and tanks, a U-Haul cart dolly, a tandem axle trailer, a Ford tractor and a Bob Cat loader with an auger attachment. Aman said the equipment was stolen from Butte Fence Company in Meridian in December. He said the suspect took all of the equipment to Grand View to store it where he informed people in the

area that the equipment was stolen.

Aman said the information has been sent to the prosecutor and he was waiting on a warrant so he would not release the name of the suspect.

Canyon County Chief Deputy Sheriff Al Showalter said last week that his department had been investigating

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County commissioner recovering from gunshot wound

Owyhee County Commissioner Hal Tolmie is recovering at home this week after being shot in the leg by a handgun last week. Officers responded to a gun shot victim on Tuesday afternoon and discovered Tolmie had been shot in the leg with his own gun.

Tolmie received a "clean" gunshot wound in his left leg. The bullet entered above his knee and exited near his hip. He was taken by air am-

bulance to a Boise hospital where he was released the next day.

Tolmie was shot with a 22-magnum pistol that he has owned for many years.

"I was driving a friend's car to charge the battery from the winter and I had just gotten back from Murphy," Tolmie said from home Friday. "I pulled it into her garage and I was trying to get all of my stuff from the seat so I slid

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EMTs from Homedale Ambulance and law enforcement officers from Homedale and Owyhee County assist county commissioner Hal Tolmie after he was accidentally shot in the leg last week. Tolmie was transported to a Boise hospital where he was treated and later released.

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Republicans gather for Lincoln Day event in Marsing

Owyhee County Republicans gathered at the Sandbar Restaurant in Marsing on Thursday for the annual Lincoln's Day dinner, the party's premier fundraising event. State officials as well as local politicians announced candidacy during the dinner, which featured speeches from state representatives and senators, the attorney general and U.S. Senator Larry Craig. During the event, which drew in about 65 people, local officials Sheriff Gary Aman, Commissioner Dick Reynolds and prosecutor candidate Mathew Faulks announced their intention to run for local offices.

District Representative Francis Field and Doug Jones announced their intentions to run for another term for District 23. Commissioner Hal Tolmie was not able to attend the event Thursday, but said in a phone interview Friday,

that he also intended to run for another term.

Craig began his speech Thursday by telling republicans how important this year's presidential election is. He referred to John Kerry, Democratic candidate for president as using Idaho as a playground. He told event goers that keeping the current delegation in their respective offices is a must.

"This ain't no Siberia," Craig laughed in his introduction referring to a news article published last month. "We had thought it was a good idea to put a BLM officer over here so the folks who help you on this land would better understand all of you and the land. But some bureaucrat over in Boise who was fearful that K Lynn Bennett might send him over here suggested that this was a Siberia and nobody could live over here. The great tragedy of that statement was

reflective on what has been said here today. If we loose this president, that person with that attitude will be in charge. The only good news now is he is not in charge. He is just kind of a yapper. He talks a lot, but K Lynn wont let him do anything. We have the right people in charge right now and we are seeing the difference.

"We have a tough election a head of us. I know John Kerry and I know him well. He and his wife have a 12,000 square foot home in Sun Valley. One of many. They come here to play. They use Idaho as a playground, not a place to make a living. He has not ever seen a liberal idea or an environmental thought that he would not embrace. If he is elected president of the United States, all that we have gained in the last four years will be taken away. Idaho will deliver a strong vote. Idaho's lifestyle and our future depend on it."

Prosecuting Attorney Ed Yarbrough did not attend Thursday's dinner and did not return phone calls. Matt Faulks did attend the gathering and told republicans that Owyhee County deserved the prosecuting attorney's office to represent the best interest of the county and to fully and efficiently handle criminal and civil cases in the county.

"I would say that you should expect me to live to that standard," Faulks said. "I am going to ask you to trust me to do that. I am going to ask you to trust me at election time."

Aman said his theme for his election is to continue to run his department as a model of integrity and ethics as it has been in the past. He said himself and Reynolds along with Attorney General Lawrence Wasden are currently on an ethics committee with the Association of Idaho Counties. He said he wanted to continue to work with the group to make Owyhee County an absolute model agency in the State of Idaho.

Reynolds said he felt blessed to be able to serve the people of the county and he hoped they would allow him to continue to serve. He thanked the people of the county for the job that they have done to improve the county.

"As Attorney General Wasden said, the little state of Idaho led in getting things accomplished, I can assure you that the Owyhee County is leading the State of Idaho in



Owyhee County Natural Resources Director Jim Desmond and county commissioner Chris Salove.



Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and his wife Trina.



U.S. Congressman Butch Otter, U.S. Senator Larry Craig, Lt. Governor Jim Risch, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, Idaho Treasurer Ron Crane



Lt. Governor Jim Risch, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, Idaho Treasurer Ron Crane and Representative Francis Field.



From left to right, prosecuting attorney candidate Mathew Faulks, Samuel Page, Homedale Mayor Paul Fink, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Councilman Steve Schultz.



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AG's office issues opinion in Tarter appeal

The Attorney General's office released an "unpublished opinion" last week concerning an appeal filed by former county D.A.R.E. officer Troy Tarter to have his sentence reduced due to "abuse of discretion by imposing an excessive sentence and by denying a Rule 35 motion for reduction of sentence."

Tarter, 31, a former Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy, school resource officer and D.A.R.E. teacher, was sentenced last year to 10 years, with four years determinate, after pleading guilty to sexual battery of a minor child 16 or 17 years of age. He was originally charged with two counts of sexual battery of a child. He was accused of having sexual intercourse with one teenage girl and sexual contact with another but pleaded guilty to a plea agreement.

Last month, Tarter filed an appeal with the Idaho Supreme Court to review his case and asked that his 10-year sentence be reduced due to "court abuse in its discretion by placing Tarter in prison, abuse in its discretion by imposing a 10 year sentence with the first four years fixed and abuse in its discretion by denying Tarter's motion for reduction of sentence." He filed a Rule 35 motion, which the district court denied.

"Having reviewed the record, we cannot say that the district court abused its discretion in the imposition of sentence or in denying Tarter's Rule 35 motion," the Attorney General's opinion states. "Accordingly, we affirm Tarter's judgment of conviction and sentence, as well as the denial of his Rule 35 motion."

First drill team forms in county

For the past two years, the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo has held a drill team competition consisting of riders from around Idaho. Teams competing in the event have previously always been from outlaying counties, but this year, the competition will feature its first Owyhee County team. Now the team is looking for additional team-members.

The Owyhee Silver Express had its first meeting in November. Mary and Ron Tibbett, Pam and Art Ruiz, Connie Meyers, Jonnie Burns, Kenny Rose and Rakel Wells were in attendance. Officers were elected at that time as well as the team's colors.

Art was elected president, Ron as vice president, Pam as treasurer, Rakel as secretary and Mary as the events coordinator. Mary and Rakel will serve as co-captains.

Due to current weather conditions, the team has been practicing in Middleton at the Mountain View Training Facility on Galloway Road. Try-outs for the team will be held at the same location on Feb. 28 and on March 13 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Coordinators for the team said men and women from 14 to adult are invited to attend.

The group's next meeting is planned for March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Canyon County Extension Office. For more information contact Mary at 337-3717 after 5 p.m. or Rakel at 250-3011.

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Ground-breaking held for truck stop

Local developer Marvin Wallin, center, breaks ground at the site of a commercial truck stop complex near Marsing on Highway 95. Wallin said a C-Store and tire shop will be the first businesses to open as soon as within 60 days. Pictured are Alan Mullins, left, Farmers and Merchants State Bank Vice President of Commercial Loans, Chalyse Edgar, comptroller; Wallin, Chris Salove, County Commissioner; Dave Holton, county planning and zoning commissioner and Wallin's partner, Paulette Wallin and Charlie Connolly Farmers and Merchants bank vice president. Wallin said the site will also be the future home of Jump Creek Lumber which he recently purchased.

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Homedale Police Sergeant Griz Garrison and reserve officer Ian Takashige place handcuffs on Gregorio Padilla, 37 of Homedale as he was arrested for possession of stolen property. Padilla was found to be in possession of a vehicle stolen from the Caldwell area in December.

Stolen pickup recovered

Homedale Police Officers arrested a 37-year old Homedale man for possession of stolen property after discovering a 2002 pickup taken from Caldwell three months ago in his garage.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Thursday that he received a tip Tuesday morning that Gregorio Padilla was in possession of the vehicle at

a residence on 3rd street West. He said the informant said Padilla was attempting to sell a newer Chevy pickup for parts, which raised suspicion.

"The information I received described a house that had a vehicle parked in front of it in the general area of where the house was," Eidemiller said. "After about five minutes of driving around, we lo-

cated a house that completely matched the description. After talking to the suspect's wife, she confirmed that there was a vehicle in the garage and she did not know who it belonged to. She said her husband had the only key. He was not initially at the residence. From the information I had received during the day and the information his wife gave me I was in the process of getting a search warrant by phone."

Eidemiller said as he was working on the warrant, Padilla arrived at the home. He said Padilla claimed he was unsure who the pickup belonged to because it was brought to him to do some customizing work on.

"He said he planned to lower it and put bigger tires on it," Eidemiller continued. "He also said he was going to fix it."

But Eidemiller said upon inspection of the truck, and Padilla admitting the truck was operational, he concluded that there was nothing wrong with it.

Eidemiller said he was later notified that Padilla is the cousin of the original owner of the pickup. He said the owner was surprised when he was told of the arrest.

Eidemiller said he has a suspect in the case, but he would not release the suspect's name. Padilla is currently being held in the Owyhee County jail.

Air Force releases natural resource management plan

The final Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan for the Mountain Home Air Force Base, including the small arms range, Saylor Creek, Juniper Butte and associated remote facilities was issued last week.

The original draft was released for public comment Aug. 4, 2003, a revised draft was released for public comment Nov. 26, 2003 and the final INRMP was completed in January.

The final INRMP has been signed by Col. Frederick H. Thompson, 366th Fighter Wing vice commander, Steve Hufaker, State Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Dave Allen, Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Portland, Oregon.

The management strategies in the final INRMP will help achieve conservation goals while meeting the mission essential training function of Mountain Home AFB. The purpose of the final INRMP is to outline long-term goals, objectives and implementation strategies, provide a framework for identifying resource management issues, serve as a tool for decision makers to direct day-to-day activities, outline necessary procedures for the conservation and use of natural resources, serve as a means to assess, monitor and evaluate natural resources, and provide adaptive management of resources.

The final INRMP can be obtained from Mountain Home AFB by calling 1Lt. Joseph Campbell at 208-828-6800 or by viewing it at the Mountain Home Public Library or at the Bruneau Valley District Library in Bruneau.

Driver's ed classes to be held in Marsing

Driver's education classes will again be offered at the Marsing High School and will be held in two sessions.

The first session of classes will begin April 5th and run through May 21st. The second session will begin on June 2nd and continue through July 16th. The second session will be offered pending sufficient paid enrollment.

Mandatory parent and student meetings will be held at the high school on April 1st from 7 – 8 p.m. for the first session and on June 1st from 7 -8 p.m. for the second session.

Applications are currently being accepted for students wishing to take driver's education classes. For more information contact the Marsing High School at 896-4111 ext 297.

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✓ BLM

The \$1.43 per AUM grazing fee applies to 16 Western states on federal lands administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. The states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The Forest Service applies different grazing fees to national grasslands and to lands under its management in the Eastern and Midwestern states and parts of Texas. The national grassland fee will be \$1.52 per AUM and will also take effect March 1. The fee for the Eastern and Midwestern states and parts of Texas will be out later this month.

✓ City

on a charge card is the main concern. Where money was spent, who spent it and where it was spent has concerned the city officials since a new administration took office in January.

Fink declined to say who made the charges on the credit card in question or where the purchases were made. He did say that the books for the city

were in "such terrible shape," that he didn't feel an audit would be able to be conducted this year.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the information at this time is only allegations of discrepancies concerning funds in the city. "The reason why we turned it over is because we want another party's objective opinion," Eidemiller said.

✓ Gunshot

the holster of my gun over my shoulder. I grabbed my stuff off of the passenger seat and just as I was getting out of the car, the gun slipped from the holster, hit on the hammer and went off. The doctor said I was lucky because it didn't hit any bones."

Tolmie said many people have called to see how he is and that he appreciates the concern. Tolmie was back in his commissioner's seat on Monday in Murphy. The incident was ruled an accident.

✓ Heist

nearly 100 pounds of stolen chicken from a train car when, during the course of the investigation, they discovered a vehicle identification plate that belonged to the Bob Cat loader.

"The same guys accused of being involved in the equipment theft were arrested for burglary of 16 to 17 cases of frozen chicken from a train car," Showalter said last week. "The accused left footprints in the snow from the train car to the back door of a home."

Aman said the equipment has been recovered and he awaits a warrant to make an arrest.

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ISDA issues import restrictions

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) issued an Administrative Order on Tuesday, implementing import restrictions to safeguard Idaho livestock.

The Order, effective immediately, implements Brucellosis testing requirements and mandates all Wyoming cattle entering Idaho to meet Brucellosis vaccination requirements and testing prior to entry. In accordance with the Order, permits must be obtained prior to entry by the attending Veterinarian on all cattle except those destined for immediate slaughter.

In an effort to protect the Idaho livestock industry, Dr. Clarence Siroky, D.V.M., ISDA Administrator for the Division of Animal Industries issued the Order to become effective immediately. Recently the state of Wyoming has diagnosed Brucellosis, a contagious bacterial disease causing abortion in cattle and

William Robinson completes army course

Marine Corps Pfc. William A. Robinson, III, son of Barbara S. and Leroy E. Babcock of Homedale, recently completed the Small Arms Repair Course at the U.S. Army's Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Md.

During the course, Robinson learned how to operate, inspect, maintain and repair rifles, pistols, shotguns, submachine guns, grenade launchers, mortars and other automatic weapons. Robinson also studied how to prepare weapons for shipment and storage, and related safety precautions.

With his newly acquired skills, Robinson is now ready to work at a military base armory, providing weapons support to troops deploying for exercises and operations.

Robinson is a 2003 graduate of Homedale High School of Homedale and joined the Marine Corps in July 2003.

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bison, in two separate cattle herds. Brucellosis may also be transmitted to humans through contact with infected animals. Therefore, the ISDA Administrative Order states similar rules issued by the State of Wyoming.

According to the Order, all test eligible female cattle and bison as well as all male cattle and bison over 18 months of age must be tested negative for Brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry into Idaho. Non-vaccinated female cattle and bison will not be allowed to enter Idaho. As a safeguard to

prevent the introduction and spread of Brucellosis among the cattle and bison of Idaho, any cattle or bison diverted from feeding or slaughtering purposes to breeding purposes within the state of Wyoming must be tested negative for Brucellosis. Cattle and bison proceeding directly from Wyoming to a slaughter facility in Idaho are exempt from the new order but must be individually identified. The order also requires testing of cattle and bison herds, which move as one herd between Idaho and Wyoming.

US Ecology files for permit modification

Chad Hyslop, Marketing & External Affairs Director for US Ecology Idaho announced that the required notices were published in a local newspaper for a proposal to modify its Grand View facility permit.

The modification specifies the state approval process and acceptance criteria for types of low-activity radioactive materials exempted from regulation by the federal government. US Ecology Idaho and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality will host a public meeting at Rimrock Jr/Sr High School at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 25th to present information, answer questions and request public comments.

For a number of years, US Ecology Idaho has accepted soil and debris containing low-activity radioactive contamination. The proposed permit modification does not raise the currently allowable contamination levels for waste currently accepted at the Grand View site.

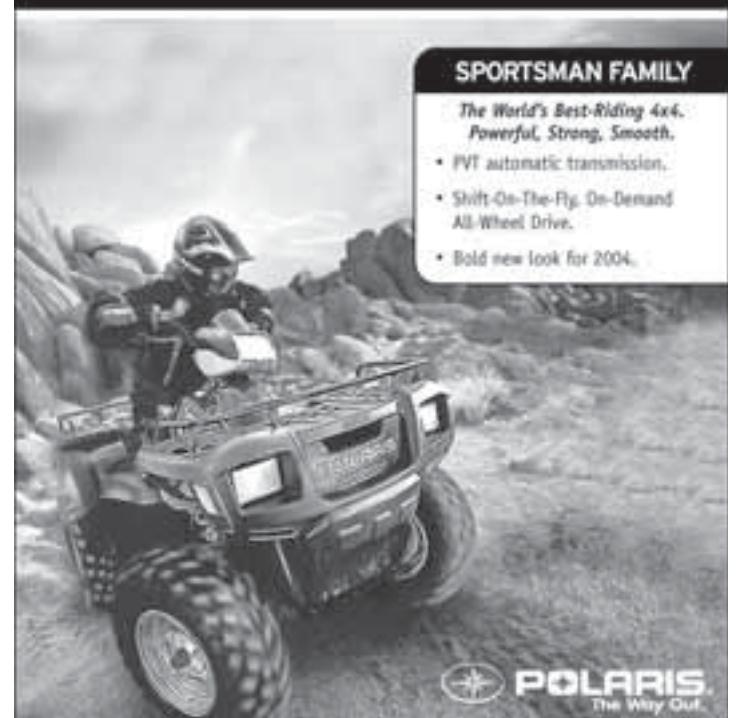
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Three Creek news

By Lola Blossom

A coronation ceremony honoring Miss Rodeo Idaho 2004 Allyson Swan was held Saturday, February 7th at the Blue Lakes Country Club near Twin Falls. Considering the bad weather a good sized crowd attended and a good time was had by all. There was plenty of good food and merriment. To help Ali with her expenses for traveling all over the nation visiting rodeos, a live auction was held and also a silent auction.

Ali is the daughter of Becki Swan and the late George Swan. She started learning to ride on the good old ranges of Three Creek.

She was Idaho's Miss High School rodeo queen in 1999 and 2000 and the first runner up to Miss National High School rodeo queen in 2000. Along with other duties she will be modeling for a California based modeling company.

Libby Swan flew to the National Cattlemen's Convention held in Phoenix Arizona. She presented Mr.

and Mrs. Armstrong of Texas with the Swan Achievement trophy. Libby's husband Bill Swan and son George were only the second pair of father and son to serve as National Cattlemen's Presidents.

Kimberly (Mrs. Gus) Brackett held an open House Feb. 7 at the Mary Kay training center in Twin Falls to celebrate her new Mary Kay business.

Three Creek school lost 3 pupils lately. Mike and Shelby Atwood moved back to Twin Falls and Colton Aslett is being transported to Filer school. They have a new student, Destry Weeks who comes from Lander, Wyoming. His father works at Simplot's 7 Triangle Ranch.

Gus Brackett attended the Owyhee Cattlemen's winter meeting held at Oreana on Feb. 7.

Robert (Rick) Morris Jr., 48, passed away Feb. 3 at a Laramie, Wyoming hospital of Lue Gehrig's disease. He made himself well known in Three Creek, Rogerson and Bruneau for many years with 7 of them being with Harvey and Lola Blossom at Three Creek.

He was born December 13, 1955 at Ottawa, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister. He is survived by 2 brothers and three sisters.

Dora Davis Faux, 102, of Buhl who passed away Jan.

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24, had many roots in this country. Her grandfather, Davis homesteaded on Big Flat and her aunt and Uncle Sol and Winnie Newman on Cherry Creek. Her father and mother homesteaded on House Creek.

Dora was born September 9, 1901 at Trout Creek, Arizona to Peter and Nellie Davis. She was the 4th of 8 children. At nine months of age her family left Arizona by covered wagon and traveling to the Three Creek country. Dora attended school through the 7th grade at House Creek school. She married Clint Faux on Jan. 7, 1918 at the Twin Falls court house. They farmed for a few years and then owned and operated a cigar store in Buhl for many, many years.

Dora was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers, Drew, Lyman and Howard, four sisters, Elma (Arvel) Johnston, Mae Mallison, Celesta Baker and infant sister, Margaret who is buried in the rocks at House Creek.

She is survived by three children, Howard (Mary) Faux of Sandpoint, and Nelma Howard and Ne Ida Reynolds both of Buhl and numerous grandchildren and other relatives. She was buried in the West End Cemetery at Buhl.

"Faithful Men" return to Marsing Nazarene

The Faithful Men, an eight member-singing group from the Meridian Assembly of God church will return to Marsing on Sunday for a concert at the Church of the Nazarene.

The concert will begin at 6 p.m. and is open to the public without charge for admission. An offering will be received for the group.

Vanda Levanger celebrates 90th birthday

Friends and family will gather to celebrate the 90th birthday of Vanda Levanger with an open house.

The event will be held on March 2 from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Owyhee Health and Rehab Center in Homedale.

Vanda has lived in Homedale since 1938 and she has two children, Clark Levanger of Hailey and Dolories Levanger from Garland Vt. Coordinators have asked no gifts be brought, but cards and hugs would be accepted.

BLM Wild Horse ADOPTION



What: Wild horses are available for adoption on a first-come first-serve basis, now through March 14 at the Boise BLM corrals. Select your horse between noon and 6:00 pm Monday through Friday until March 5, and every afternoon from March 8 through March 14. A non-competitive fee will be charged for each horse.

Where: BLM horse corrals, south of Boise on Pleasant Valley Road (4 miles south of the junction with Gowen Road).

Adopter Requirements: Potential adopters must be at least 18 years of age, have facilities consistent with BLM requirements, have no history of mistreating animals, and must have an adoption application approved by BLM. Applications may be approved at the corral site.

For additional information, contact Sam Mattise at (208) 871-1979 or 384-3356, or Joan Howard at 384-3437.



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Census shows changing face of agriculture

By Frank Priestley, President
Idaho Farm Bureau

Preliminary results from the 2002 Census of Agriculture, released in mid-February, demonstrate that the people who produce your food are getting older and their farms are getting smaller and fewer in number.

Congress mandates the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to conduct a census of American agriculture once every five years in order to keep tabs on food production, farm productivity and profitability. The 2002 Census is the nation's 26th census. The preliminary information that is currently available includes demographic items such as principal operator by race, production costs, cropping systems, operator characteristics, farm supply needs and many others. The 2002 Census had an 88 percent response rate. Providing information to NASS for the census is required by law.

The 2002 Census of Agriculture shows the average age of principal farm operators in the U.S. in 2002 was 55.3, compared to 54 years in 1997. In Idaho, the average age in 2002 was 54 compared to 52.8 in 1997.

The 2002 Census showed there were 2.13 million farms in the U.S., down 4 percent from 1997. Land in farms was 939.5 million acres, down 1.6 percent from 1997. In Idaho there were 25,016 farms in 2002, and 11.8 million acres in farms compared to 25,590 farms and 12 million acres in 1997. The census defines a farm as "any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced

and sold, or normally would have been sold during the census year. Operations that received \$1,000 or more in government farm program payments were also counted as farms."

That these trends in regard to age of operators, farm size and number of farms continue to decline shouldn't surprise anyone. They have continued for several years – it's why they're called trends. But something incredible about American farmers and ranchers is their resiliency. In spite of all the problems they face including drought, urban encroachment, and global competition from countries that have few environmental or worker protection regulations, sustainable American farm productivity continues to increase.

American consumers paid an average of 7.1 percent of income for food consumed at home in 2003. That's less than any other country. Next in line is the United Kingdom at 10.2 percent, France came in at 17.7 percent and Mexican families paid 24 percent. Unfortunately many Americans take for granted the economic freedom this inexpensive, healthy food supply provides. For instance, families that spend up to 48 percent of their income for food, as is the case in India, probably don't drive as many new cars or take as many summer vacations together as many American families do.

While the actions and rhetoric of many in the environmental community seem to applaud these trends in American agriculture there is definitely cause for concern. The people who produce our food have always been

vital to our national security. If there ever comes a time when we have to depend on other countries for food, America will have lost its independence.

Some Americans detest the Farm Bill and the subsidies it provides. Others want ranchers kicked off public lands. If these people and their deceitful organizations succeed in getting what they want, the inexpensive, healthy food supply provided by American farmers and ranchers will be replaced by foreign meat and produce grown in countries where there is no environmental protection

agency, no endangered species act, no food and drug administration, and no regard for sustainable agriculture. Unfortunately, the modern environmental movement is more focused on attacking business and opposing progress than with conserving resources, reducing pollution and protecting wildlife.

Another striking trend this survey bears out shows how many American farms remain small and family owned. We hope readers and especially the media take note of census results that show 90 percent of American farms are still run by single

individuals or families. The media's constant use of the term "factory farms" doesn't paint a true picture of American agriculture. Many farms have gotten larger in order to become more efficient and Idaho is no exception. But those farms are not owned and operated by a bunch of faceless suits in a faraway city. Those farms provide the jobs, pay the taxes and buy the supplies that keep farm state economies humming.

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Back row L to R: Class President Patrick Hipwell, Mike Johnson, Shari Baltzor, Ryan Mackenzie, Drew Elsner, Asa Beckwith, and J.D. Brock. Front Row: Advisor Larry Michaels, Mindy Johnson, Anna Watkins, Charlene Summers, who has moved since the photo was taken, Julie Eiguren, Katie Johnson, and Bryan Grenke.

JV seniors set sights on warmer climate

The Jordan Valley High School senior class is rolling up its sleeves for a series of fund-raisers aimed at taking the class of 12 to the land of luau's and sandy beaches in Hawaii.

The seven young men and five young women, along with three chaperones, will spend five nights in Honolulu a short block away from the Waikiki Beach during this year's senior class trip.

The class has worked four years to raise funds for their trip, and they are now making plans in the last leg of their fund raising efforts.

An International Dinner is planned for St. Patrick's Day, March 17 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the high school in the old gym. Besides the traditional Irish dish of corned beef and cabbage, there will be cuisine available from many other cultures, including Basque, Mexican, Asian, Italian, Swedish and American. There

will be an offering of many unique desserts and also a traditional booth offering old fashioned "Cowboy and Indian" dishes, along with home-made scones. Many dishes and desserts will be packaged "to go" for those who would like to make additional purchases to take home.

Dinner ticket reservations are available by calling Carolyn Baltzor at (208) 583-2435, Karen Johnson at (541) 586-2891, or Ann Rutan at (208) 583-2482. Advance dinner reservations prices will be: \$20 family pass or \$7 adults, \$5 senior citizens \$5 school age children, and \$3 for preschoolers. Dinner tickets at the door will be: \$25 family pass or \$10 adults, \$7 senior citizens \$7 school age children, \$5 preschoolers. All tickets will be paid at the door.

Along with the fine dining, family entertainment is planned for the entire evening. Mr. Dale Johnson will be on hand throughout the course of the evening to provide a variety of piano entertainment with an old fashioned style. Beginning at 5 p.m., each of the local elementary schools, Jordan Valley, Arock, Pleasant Valley and Rockville will entertain the dinner guests with skits and songs.

At 6 p.m., the elementary school basketball teams will square off for their final basketball games of the year in

the new gym. The Jordan Valley Middle School cheerleaders will perform a dance routine during half time of the grade school games. Following the elementary games, the middle school Colts will play the Arock Bobcats.

At the conclusion of the middle school games, the senior class would like to invite the community to join one of the coed "town teams" for an evening of adult basketball. The teams will be drawn up at 7 p.m., just prior to the beginning of the games, and donations will be accepted.

The senior class will also have a silent auction table at the dinner. Items available will feature a labor auction—your choice of any six seniors for a full day's work; several hand made quilts, homemade pies and goodies, as well as many other items. Last chance tickets will be available for the seniors' "Cow Chip Lotto" at \$10 each, and the drawing will be held at 8 p.m. The winner will receive \$500 in cash.



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Coming Events

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Sixth grade to Planetarium, 8:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.
Homedale Middle School

Parent Teacher Conference for Homedale High School
only 4 through 8 p.m.

Owyhee County Historic Preservation Commission meets at
7 p.m. at the historical museum in Murphy.

Thursday

Boys District Basketball tourney TBA.

Start of state wrestling tournament at ISU in Pocatello.

Friday

First day of practice for spring sports.

State Wrestling Tournament at ISU in Pocatello.

Sunday

Faithful Men perform a concert at the Marsing Church of the Nazarene at 6 p.m.

Monday

Owyhee County Board of Commissioners meet 10 a.m. at courthouse in Murphy.

Homedale School District early dismissal except kindergarten for staff in-service.

To have your public events listed in the coming events calendar, call 337-4681 or e-mail them to cherylbeeson@cableone.net.

Cheddee Annie chosen clown of the year

On January 9, the Gem jesters of Idaho, Clown Alley 313 of Clowns of America International held its annual awards and dinner banquet. Cheddee Annie (Cheryl Grimes of Nampa), daughter of the late Pauline Jackson-Grimes of Homedale was awarded Clown of the Year.

Each year the members vote to honor those who have shown something special. This year, along with Annie, Doc Tweedles, Juanita Brisbin of Nampa was named volunteer of the year, Cuddles, Judy Ortin of Boise was named most improved, and Cheeks, Noel Smith of Boise was named first of May.

The Idaho Gem Jesters sponsor a volunteer hospital health care clown program, which offers extensive training designed to meet the needs of hospitalized patients, their families, and hospital staff. It has resulted in full time hospital clowning programs at

Saint Lukes Regional Medical Center and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center as well as clowns throughout the region visiting nursing homes and other care facilities to bring positive and uplifting moments to the lives of many members of the community.

The Idaho Gem Jesters in the past years have contributed hundreds of hours in volunteer time at area hospitals, senior care facilities, many various government agencies, community organizations, and non-profit fundraisers including the Make a Wish Foundation, the American Heart Association, Central District Health, and area fire and police department function.

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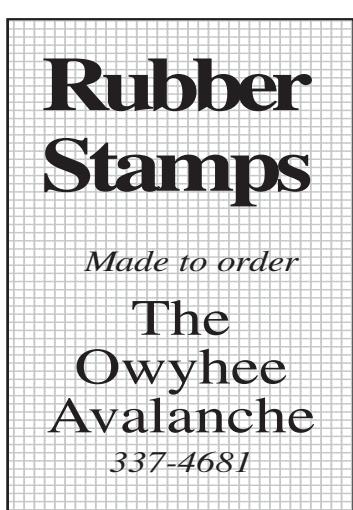
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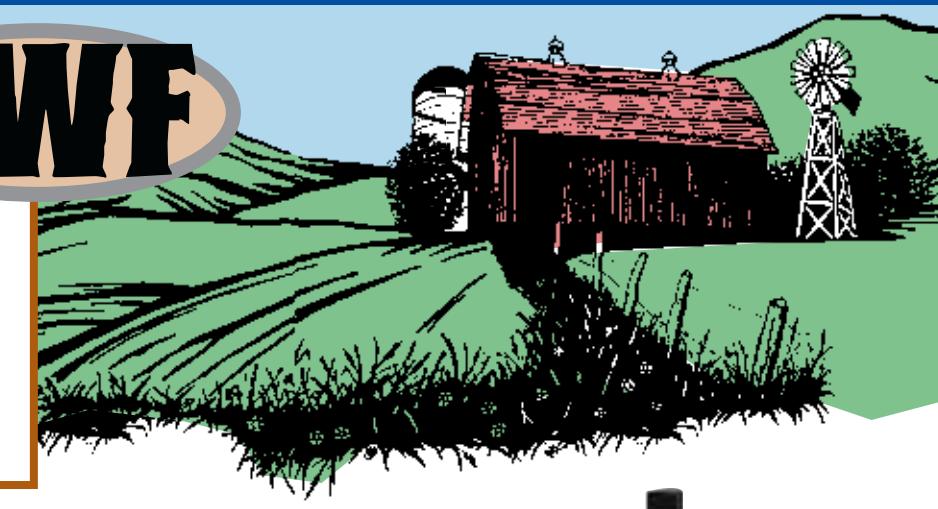
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District champions

Homedale won the WIC District III 2A/1A wrestling title in Parma last week. The title is a first for the team since 1999. It was 1974 prior to that when the Trojans were district champs. Pictured are: Jeremy Ensley at 112, Tyler Christoffersen at 119, Marcus Eby at 135, Joe Foster at 171, Pedro Hernandez at 215, Jason Christoffersen at 112, Stuart Miyasako, 125, Ricco Gonzalez at 140, Mark Mashburn at 160, Humberto Obregon at 215, Erik Garcia at 275, Tyler Maxwell at 135, Tomas Obregon at 171, Brandian Sitko at 125, Kyle Carson at 140, LeRoy Atkins at 152, Derek Sitko at 275, and coaches Toby Johnson and Tony Martinat.

Trojan matmen stop NP and Parma for district title

Homedale presented 18 strongmen at 2A/1A District III Wrestling tournament in Parma Saturday, and for the first time since 1999, the team took the district title back across the Snake River. Homedale placed all 18 wrestlers in the finals, a new school record.

Homedale recorded five champions, six-second placers, two third placers and five fourth placers and will take 13 of those kids to the state tournament in Pocatello this week. The top three placers in each weight class qualify for a trip to state. Homedale stopped New Plymouth by 45 points with 315 total team scores. New Plymouth placed second with 270 points above Parma a safe distance at 121 and a half.

Melba finished fourth with 77 and a half points ahead of Garden Valley in fifth with 66 points, McCall in sixth with 50 and a half, Cambridge in seventh with 46, Marsing in eighth with 40 and Midvale rounding out the competition in ninth place with 14 points.

This year's state placers who finished first in district include Jeremy Ensley at 112, Tyler Christoffersen at 119,

Marcus Eby at 135, Joe Foster at 171, and Pedro Hernandez at 215. Second place district finishers who will also travel to Pocatello this week are Jason Christoffersen at 112, Stuart Miyasako, 125, Ricco Gonzalez at 140, Mark Mashburn at 160, Humberto Obregon at 215 and Erik Garcia at 275. Third place qualifiers are Tyler Maxwell at 135 and Tomas Obregon at 171.

Undefeated Ensley won his second straight district title as teammate Eby picked up his second title in three years for his third straight trip to the state tourney. Foster, Tyler Christoffersen and Hernandez each picked up their first district championships.

Senior Mashburn recovered from a broken leg in time to make his fourth straight trip to the district finals and state by upsetting second seeded wrestler to get into the finals. Miyasako also upset a second seed wrestler for his chance at the final competition. Gonzalez stunned second seeded Kerry Brown from New Plymouth to have his chance at the finals.

"The boys were amazing," Trojan coach Toby Johnson said. "They won every

single preliminary match up to the semi finals to achieve a 50 point lead and held on throughout the tournament. To pull 18 medals was just phenomenal. That helped us score 315 points. No WIC

team has done that in a long, long time.

"My boys showed up to wrestle and to win. I could not be more proud of them."

Fourth place finishers included Brandian Sitko at 125,

Kyle Carson at 140, LeRoy Atkins at 152 and Derek Sitko at 275. -CB

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Vikings kennel Huskies in third place state game

Marsing's chances at a state title looked a little brighter last Thursday night after they handed the West Jefferson Panthers a 47-42 loss in the first round of the Real Dairy Classic girls basketball competition last week.

But, the Valley Vikings were just too much for the Huskies to handle as Valley squashed their chances as runner up. Marsing fell to the third place game after taking a heartbreaking loss from the Grangeville Bulldogs on Friday night. Marsing lost to Valley 46-42 and lost to the Bulldogs 47-29.

Despite committing 27 turnovers, the Huskies came back to beat the Panthers in first round action Thursday night in Middleton. Marsing's returning star Amanda Stewart dominated the floor to score a game high 22 points and grab 13 rebounds. She recorded eight blocks for the game.

Marsing took a 33-28 lead going into the final eight minutes when the Panthers rallied to tie it 37 all.

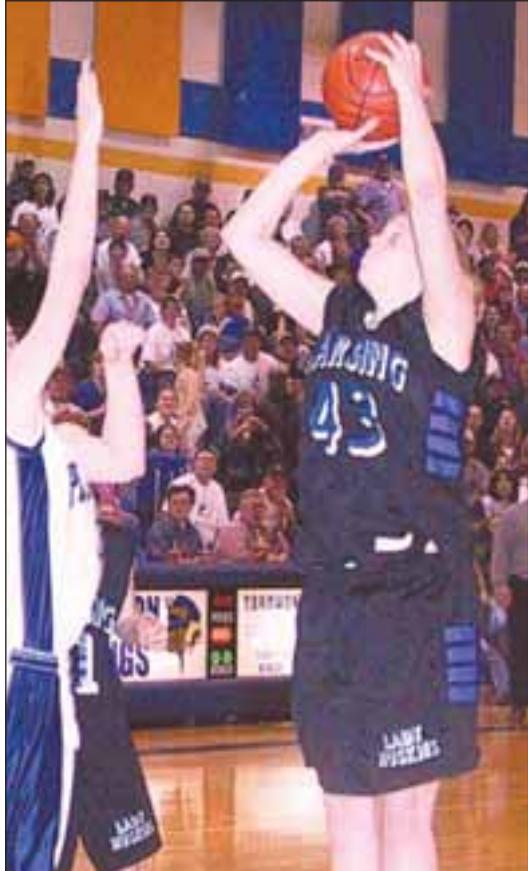
But Stewart hit a jumper and Breanna Chadez made two of her seven points from the free throw line and jumped to 41-37.

West Jefferson took its first lead of the game on a Stacia Skidmore bucket, but Stewart laid one in with 38 seconds left to put the Huskies ahead for the final time.

Chadez scored 13 points and had four steals for the Huskies, while M.J. Usabel grabbed 10 rebounds. Stewart added four steals.

Jumper

Marsing Husky Amanda Stewart goes in for two points against the West Jefferson Panthers in the first round of the 2A Real Dairy Shoot-out at Middleton High School last week. Marsing defeated the Panthers 47-42, but fell to the Grangeville Charges Friday night 33-23.



Husky power

Marsing Husky Tori Kent travels down court looking for an opening during the 2A Real Dairy Shootout at Middleton High School Thursday night.

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State champs

Rimrock Raider Annalise Field looks for an opening during the first round of the 1A Real Dairy Shootout girl's basketball competition at Skyview High School last week. Rimrock ended its season undefeated and has remained unbeaten for 50 consecutive games.

Raiders rally for second state championship

The Rimrock Raiders will go down in school history as being the first team in the small town of Grand View to have taken home two state championship girls basketball titles and record a 50-0 winning streak. Rimrock defeated the Shoshone Indians 47-36 for its second straight 1A Real Dairy Shootout title on Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Rimrock ended its 2004 career with a 26-0 record and have remained undefeated since last year.

Rimrock, which is used to big third quarter runs in all three of its previous state wins, came out of the break with a 20-17 lead and went on an 11-3 run.

Emily Chandler grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back in to open the quarter. Kaeloni Roberson followed with a three pointer, a press breaking lay-in. Chandler then hit a hook, and Thomas finished the run with a jumper.

Annalise Field and Chandler both scored easy lay-ins to put the game out of reach of the Indians.

Thomas scored 14 points in the first half, finishing with 18 points and seven rebounds. Chandler added 10 points and Field gave eight points, six rebounds and seven assists.

Trojans beat NP 69-59

Nick Williams and Clay Haylett combined for 34 points as they led Homedale to a 69-59 win over the New Plymouth Pilgrims in the District III 2A tournament last Thursday. The Trojans jumped out to a nine-point half time lead due in part to a 24 point second quartr

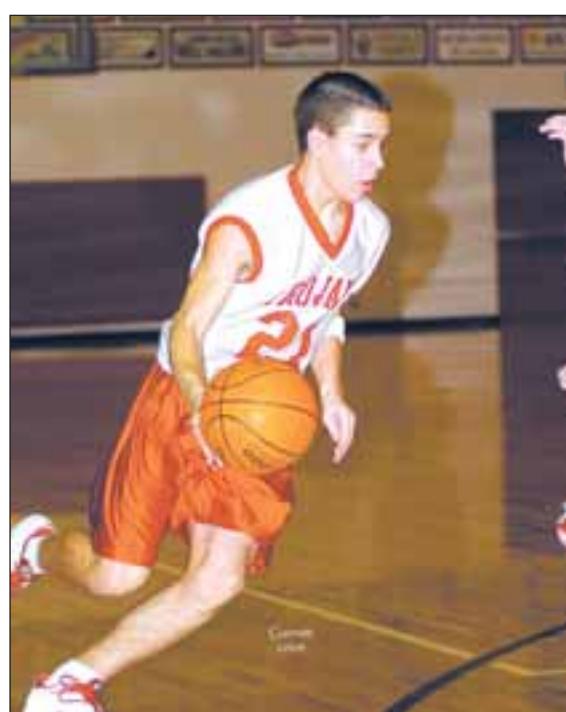
outburst. Homedale beat New Plymouth in both its regular season games as well.

The Trojans finished the game 25-34 from the charity stripe. Haylett and Williams each scored 17 points. Matt Landa and Matt Nauman joined the duo in double figures for the Trojans.



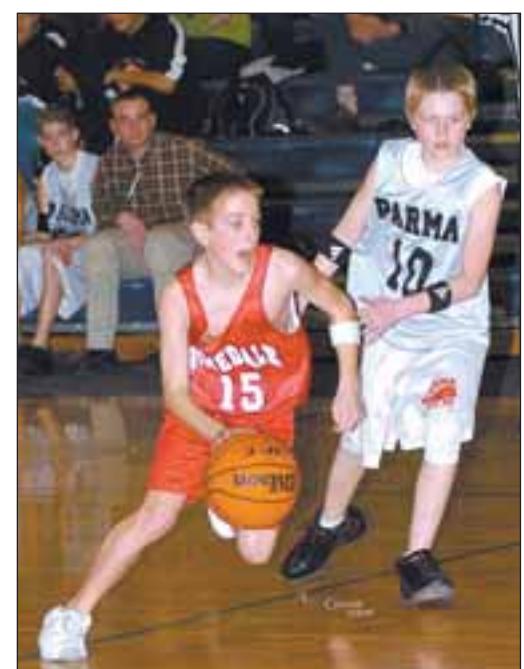
Two points

Luke Jeffries goes up for a shot during a previous game against New Plymouth. Homedale beat the New Plymouth Pilgrims 69-59 to advance to the District Championship game this Thursday. Photo by Gregg Garrett.



Freshmen drive

Freshman Cory Uria drives from the top of the key. The Homedale Freshman boys won the Freshman District Championship defeating a tough McCall team. Photo by Gregg Garrett.



Drive

Seventh grader Ryan Garrett drives around a Parma defender. Parma beat the Homedale 7th graders 36-34 in their season ending game. Photo by Gregg Garrett.



Freshmen champions

Homedale's freshmen boys' basketball team defeated McCall Wednesday night for the district championship. The score table the team is standing around is a new addition to the high school gymnasium. The table was purchased through memorial funds and Coca Cola. Pictured are: David Linddell, Josh Ryska, Andrew Bingham, Matt Holloway, Mark Vanco, Cory Uria, Kevin Marrs, Travis McRae, Kyle Miyasako, Trevor Krzesnik, Caleb Johnson, Isreal Blanco, Domingo Esparaza, Jared Brockett and coach Kenny Thomas.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 22, 1979

Railroad well studied

The possibility of finding a well site inside the city was one of the main topics of discussion at the February 14 meeting of the Homedale City Council.

The Council instructed J-U-B Engineering of Nampa to begin design of the new water system while the search for a water supply continues.

Dave Curtis, representing J-U-B, told the members inflation is rapidly cutting into the money approved by the voters for the new water system. Curtis said design and construction work on the major portion of the water system should begin as soon as possible to cut inflation losses.

The original agreement with The Farm-House Administration calls for the city to develop a water supply before work on the water system begins. Farm-House is handling the initial financing of the project. Curtis said the clause has been included by the government agency to prevent the construction of a transmission line to a well site that might turn out to be a dry hole.

Planners eye final draft

The Owyhee County Planning Commission will hold a special work meeting Monday, Feb. 26 at 8 pm at the Murphy Courthouse.

The meeting is being held to discuss input that has been received on the proposed subdivision regulations for Owyhee County. Comments on the proposed regulation were received Feb. 12 public hearing in Murphy. Approximately 50 people attended the hearing.

According to Charlene Nettleton, Planning Commission Secretary, if no major alterations are made in the present draft of the subdivision regulations, they will be submitted to the county commissioners March 12. If major revisions are necessary, another public hearing will be scheduled.

Nettleton said the work meeting was scheduled to give commission members an opportunity to review the results of the Feb. 12 meeting. She said all meetings of the commission are, by law, open to the public, however, the commissioners would like to have an opportunity to go over the information already received.

The present draft of the proposed subdivision ordinance, about 40 pages long, sets down guidelines for Owyhee County developers. The ordinance outlines procedures for subdivision approval, sets design and improvement standards and addresses the method of enforcement and penalties.

Auction date draws near

Plans are nearing completion for the 18th Annual Marsing Community Disaster Auction. The auction will be held Saturday, March 10, beginning at 10:30 am at the Marsing Grade School.

Auctioneers for this year's event are Grant, Albright and Hopkins, who have donated their services.

Homedale locals

Mrs. Gladys Leavitt is staying at the home of her son, David Leavitt and family on Arizona Avenue after her home on the corner of Owyhee Avenue and Third Street West flooded in the recent high water in the area. Mrs. Leavitt is in a wheelchair with a broken ankle received during the activities of moving her franchising from the basement home.

Kristen and Daniel Webster, El Paso, Texas, spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete George. Gerald Webster was a weekend guest in the George home, returning on Monday to El Paso, accompanied by his children.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newman were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pearle Davis, Ridgeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin, LaGrande, Ore., were Saturday visitors of her mother, Mrs. Bert Adams.

50 years ago

February 25, 1954

Date set for annual Buffalo dinner

The Homedale Rod & Gun club has set the date of March 23rd for their annual buffalo dinner, according to Elmer Moore, club secretary, who stated that a limited number of tickets are available from members and that no ticket sales will be made at the door on the banquet date.

An annual institution which has received favorable comment from all sections of the state, this buffalo dinner ranks high among the treats that people in this area enjoy. This year the dinner will be held at the high school building and only 300 tickets will be sold.

Ross Leonard, new head of the Idaho Fish & Game department, will be present along with some of the higher officials of his department.

New road would benefit Homedale

Sunday morning Allen Gowey, Spud Murphy and Fred Cawdry took a trip over the new road, to the top of the Owyhee ridge. This road is being built by Crisp and Woods, of John Day, Ore. The road is in shape for cars sixteen miles out of Homedale. There remains three miles that is now being relocated and will end on the shoreline of the Owyhee reservoir.

These men plan to spend a considerable sum in the development of the Cherry Creek recreation area. The reclamation service has a plan for the east shore of the reservoir that includes four areas (Gordon Gulch, Cherry Creek, the Honey Combs and the Leslie Canyon area).

Homedale is the closest town to the area and should benefit from this development.

Owyhee County Fair Board sets Aug. 19, 20, 21 for fair

The Owyhee county fair board set Aug 19, 20 and 21 as dates for the annual event, named Harold McJunkin as fair manager and discussed preliminary plans for a new commercial building during a meeting held at Homedale Tuesday night, McJunkin reported Wednesday.

This was the first meeting of the group which was named a week ago by the Owyhee county commission. It is made up of Forney Malmberg, Marsing, chairman; Gene Bevan, Homedale, vice chairman; Alvin Benson, Wilson; Howard Pitman, Wilson; Earnie Biles, Homedale; Jim Hayes, Homedale; and Miss Felisa Echevarria, Homedale.

McJunkin said plans call for completion of the new commercial building on the fairgrounds at Homedale in time for use during the fair next August. He said it will cost approximately \$6500.

Central Cove club sponsored annual Pioneer Supper

Monday evening the Central Cove Club sponsored the Pioneer supper which has been a traditional Washington's birthday gathering of the old settlers in the community for many years. A pot luck supper was enjoyed by members of the community and friends who enjoy returning each year to renew old acquaintances.

Among these guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rose and Donnie, Mrs. Sidonia Morrison and Mrs. Pansy Post of Boise, Mrs. Ruth Ford, Mrs. Harold Engle, Mrs. and Mrs. Bob Yost and children and Mrs. and Mrs. J. S. Potter of Caldwell, Mrs. Grace Potter, Mrs. Nina Frosig, Mrs. Elmer Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Goodloe and son; Mrs. Pete Ulrich and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Olsen of Homedale.

Marsing

Edna Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Marsing, spent the week end at the home of her parents, in Marsing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Muldoon were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Moore of Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lee of Boise and family were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Gaines. Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Gaines are sisters.

138 years ago

February 24, 1866

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY was duly celebrated in Owyhee, at Silver, as per program published last week. An avalanche of eastern news and Indian matter exclude the detailed notice we'd be pleased to bestow upon the exercises of the day and evening. The Boving & Ewing Hall was neatly decorated with evergreen, flags and appropriate pictures; was provided with speaker's stand, and comfortable seats for two hundred and twenty-five. At two o'clock the Hall was crowded. J. M. Kirkpatrick's oration occupied just twenty-nine minutes. It was replete with historical allusions of the life of Washington. He forcibly noticed the purity and unselfishness of his official acts, and urged youth and age to more than ever square their actions by his precepts and examples. The entire exercise occupied a little over two hours, and we never heard more general approbation. The Ball in the evening was a gay affair. It was well attended and like wise enjoyed. Charley Hanson prepared the supper. We profess to have often feasted on good things, prepared in princely style, but acknowledge that this supper was among the most gluton inspiring. The day and evening were suspicious, and Providence seemed to smile encouragingly.

HILL BEACHEY has a rocky experience in the stage business. Between the Indians and the funding bill of the last Legislature, his resources are materially weakened. Since May, of last year, this "short lived race" has stolen eighty-eight head of stock from him and the funding bill has postponed ten years the payment of about \$4000.00, which he expected to be in making his line a first class one. We don't believe Hill has had any intercourse with either of these "short-lived" concerns. If he had, in the nature of things, it could hardly have been Christian. But he still lives, runs his stages on double quick time, and has the confidence of the public.

W. S. STEVENS has added a tiptop marble bed billiard table to the attraction of his saloon. He is bound to supply the public with amusement as well as liquids. Stevens run the Empire Saloon properly.

PERSONS wishing their dental grinders and amalgamators put in good running order, should go to Dr. Clark at once, as he intends leaving early next week.

WE HAVE MATTER enough in hand to furnish a column, on the "Hiawatha" style, about noble red men on Bruneau River, but it won't do to devote the entire concern to Indians, unless we can convert it into a reliable Indian Almanac. For instance: Tomorrow, calm, with occasional light shower of arrows; next day, showers increase, with a few lead drops; Tuesday, sky clear with the exception of a few hairy-like clouds; about Wednesday, keep one eye on the gun and the other on your scalp; &c, &c, &c.

The Bruneau is a stream putting into Snake about sixty miles east of here. A company of five or six men have lately returned from a tour thereabouts, and report having camped over night with a band of about fifty Indians, both male and female. These noble people allowed their pale-faced visitors to "linger in blissful repose," beside imparting some information, which, if true, should be turned to account. It seems, according to their story, there are about two hundred noble fellows and fellnesses sloshing round on that stream. They spoke of a band of about a hundred warriors, including some white men, as caped further up stream and having "heap horses" also narrated circumstances that led our informants to believe that a detachment from this band committed the Hall's Ranch depredation. Well, what's to be done about it? Treat with them? Try it on, Governor. But first read Josh Billings "on studied kats closely for years, and her allers found em addicted to a wild state." Altogether, it is pretty as well as instructive.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

New Zealand lamb and mainland beef

I was in a nice restaurant in California recently. The menu included sumptuous entrees that featured ribeye steak and filet mignon. I noticed they also offered gourmet lamb chops. I asked, as I always do, if it was American lamb or imported from New Zealand. The waitress didn't know, so the owner came out. She said it was imported from New Zealand. We had a discussion. She gave no ground, even saying that she preferred the imported lamb because it didn't have that 'gamey' taste. She had no feeling, sympathetic, patriotic, isolationist, political, or otherwise for supporting American sheep producers. She was a businesswoman.

All of us pick which axe we want to grind. I don't rent or buy foreign cars, but I buy Chinese tools, Mexican pharmaceuticals, Canadian plywood, fly in French airplanes, eat Swiss candy and visit my brother in Amarillo.

Convenience, price, and sometimes quality are bigger factors than loyalty to home grown or produced consumer goods. I did a little checking. It came as no surprise that New Zealand lamb was significantly cheaper:

	U.S.	New Zealand
Racks	\$8.40/lb	\$6.70/lb
Legs	\$4.35/lb	\$3.00/lb
Chop	\$7.75/lb	\$5.95/lb

If four 4-oz chops were included in the \$24.95 gourmet lamb entrée, the restaurant owner's cost would have to be \$1.80 more. A significant amount. U.S. import restrictions limit New Zealand to only 15,000 tons of lamb meat annually, which is a small percent of the total. For that, American sheep producers are grateful.

Congress has now passed legislation to require country of origin labeling on beef (and other products) but what difference will that make in a restaurant that boldly advertises New Zealand lamb?

I'm reminded of Hawaii in the 60's and 70's. They raise lots of cattle and for years sold it as 'grass fat.' Which meant, of course, that it was tough. So, at great expense they built a 10,000-head feedlot, imported grain, hay pellets and beet pulp. They produced Choice and Prime beef locally. But the feedlot eventually closed because, local restaurants and supermarkets continued to feature and advertise "Mainland Beef."

So, in this wonderful world of global trading, where you can find horseshoes, homeopathic medicine and humorists over the internet, we each wind up picking some cause that stirs our passion. I will continue to order only the American lamb, unless, of course, I'm in New Zealand. Because I'm sure it's very good, too.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... but possibly of interest



Grandchildren are the ultimate form of entertainment . . .unless you happen to be a dog.

Our first grandchild, Amazing Grace, just celebrated her eight-month birthday. Gracie wasn't her normal cheerful self recently when she came down with Rotavirus, a nasty intestinal bug. But little ones bounce back in a hurry. When the problem had run its course, Gracie acted like she was trying to make up for lost time. Within a couple of days she was crawling on her hands and knees, something she couldn't do before her illness. Her vocabulary has expanded to "bye-bye", "mama", "da da" and "papa," the latter apparently being a reference to your's truly.

One of Gracie's major accomplishments since being sick has been her mastery of the walker we keep at our house for her visits. When inserted into that vehicle, she becomes truly mobile, racing around and exploring her environment.

The kitchen is one of Gracie's favorite places when she's in her walker. The floor is smoother than the carpeted areas of our house. The hard surface means she can attain higher speeds and accelerate faster. One second she's stopped, seemingly daydreaming. Then she gets what I describe as an "evil gleam" in her eyes. She makes about three energetic hops--sort of like she's winding herself up--and roars off across the room at an absolutely amazing speed, only halting when the walker crashes into a cabinet, the stove, the dishwasher or a bystander. You can tell what is about to happen even if you can't see Gracie. She lets out an excited breath, followed by the sound of hopping, followed by the rumble of the four casters on the walker as

they roll rapidly across the floor, followed by a crash.

The one member of the household not excited about Gracie's new-found mobility is Annie the Beagle.

The baby is usually in the kitchen in her walker because my mate (Grandma) is also there, preparing the evening meal. And if there is food on the counter Annie the Beagle, who thinks of nothing but her stomach, is going to be there, too, hoping a few crumbs of something will fall her direction. Unfortunately for Annie, the only thing Gracie enjoys more than running into a cabinet with her walker is running into a dog that has its attention focused on the meal preparer.

If you are out of eyesight of the action, it sounds sort of like this: "excited breathing, hop-hop-hop, rummmmmble, thud! YIPE!-the YIPE coming from Annie as Gracie and scooter blindsides her.

But the dog is a quick learner. Annie has figured out she needs to keep her ears open while her eyes are searching for food. She has her timing down to the point where, on the second of Gracie's three wind-up hops, there is the sound of beagle toenails clicking to get traction on the floor to pull her clear of the target area. By the time the walker arrives at the accident scene, the intended victim has departed.

Gracie doesn't really seem to care if she misses her target. The chase apparently gives her plenty of satisfaction, Annie, however, appears to be less than amused. It is obvious she considers this tiny human a real pain in the rear—or whatever portion of her body is in Gracie's crosshairs.

Letters to the editor policy

We welcome letters to the editor.

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

Deadline is Friday noon.

The Owyhee Avalanche

337-4681

Commentary

Accuracy in media

The media's credibility gap

Cliff Kincaid, Editor of the AIM Report.

President Bush's "credibility gap" on Iraq was a major issue during the journalists' roundtable discussion on NBC's Meet the Press on February 15. This "gap" allegedly occurs because some of the pre-war intelligence, relied upon by both Democrats and Republicans and the international community, appears to have been faulty. But the liberation of Iraq is not a lie. It is a noble cause, regardless of whether weapons of mass destruction are found or not.

Curiously, the media did not find a "credibility gap" when President Bill Clinton in 1999 waged a unilateral war in Kosovo under false pretenses and without the backing of the United Nations. This made the action illegal under the "international law" that liberals like Senator John Kerry claim to respect.

Not only did the U.N. not back the intervention, the U.S. Congress failed to authorize the war after it began, as required under the War Powers Act. This made continuation of the war illegal under U.S. law.

If journalists had any integrity, they would also point out that the war was waged against a Christian country, Serbia, for the benefit of the Islamic terrorists that hit us on 9/11 and are attacking our troops in Iraq now.

Isabel Vincent of Canada's National Post is one of the few journalists to report the brutal truth. "Four years after it was 'liberated' by a NATO bombing campaign," she recently reported, "Kosovo has deteriorated into a hotbed of organized crime, anti-Serb violence and al Qaeda sympathizers, say security officials and Balkan experts."

Vincent reported that al Qaeda has set up bases in the province and is working closely with Albanian mafia and paramilitary groups.

Clinton went to war on behalf of the Muslims twice, in Bosnia and then Kosovo. He wanted to appease the powerful Arab/Muslim bloc of nations and the Europeans who wanted to call the shots on U.S. foreign policy. The U.S. still has thousands of troops in Bosnia and Kosovo.

In Kosovo, the American people were told by the Clinton administration that the U.S. had to act through NATO because hundreds of thousands of "ethnic Albanians" in Kosovo were victims of "ethnic cleansing" or even "genocide." This was a lie. Investigators have determined that between 2,000 and 3,000 died in the Kosovo civil war, with several hundred of those deaths being Serbs.

The media can assign numerous reporters to the issue of Bush's National Guard service 30 years ago, but they failed to cover a recent Washington conference at which Serbian Orthodox Bishop Artemije of Kosovo described how the "ethnic cleansing" that was supposedly ended by the war has continued, with the Serbs being the victims. He said there are only a few hundred Serbs left in Kosovo, out of a pre-war population of about 250,000.

Bishop Artemije also produced documentary evidence, a book entitled *Crucified Kosovo*, showing that more than 100 Christian churches have been destroyed, and graves and tombs have been desecrated, by the Muslim extremists there.

Yet the Kerry campaign is proud that Kerry backed Clinton's war, asserting that the senator "was a strong proponent of U.S. participation in the NATO intervention that put an end to the ethnic

cleansing in Kosovo." Kerry is never challenged on this blatant falsehood.

Liberal partisan James Carville, a co-host on CNN's Crossfire show, recently claimed that, in contrast to the Iraq war, in Kosovo "We won that war" and "We leveled with the American people."

As long as the media allow Kerry and Carville to get away with such whoppers, any discussion of the Bush administration's "credibility gap" has to be dismissed as just a campaign tactic by the Democrats and their media lackeys.

Carville & Company may reply that the U.S. didn't lose one American soldier's life in Kosovo, in contrast to Iraq, as if the thousands of Serbs who died in the NATO bombing campaign didn't matter.

The fact remains that in Kosovo the U.S. illegally intervened militarily in the internal affairs of a sovereign state when U.S. national security interests were not in any jeopardy. Five years later, there is no end to this intervention/occupation in sight.

Ironically, the rationale that was used to falsely justify U.S. intervention in Kosovo can more legitimately be used to explain America's war in Iraq. After all, more than 300,000 people died in Iraq at the hands of Saddam Hussein and his thugs.

Kerry, who supported the Kosovo war but has flip-flopped on Iraq, has the real credibility gap. But that's not an issue for the elite media on Meet the Press.

School lunch menu

February 26-March 3

Homedale Elementary

Feb.26: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, peaches cinnamon roll, milk.

Feb.27: Pizza or pop corn chicken, tossed salad, pineapple, cookie, milk.

Mar.1: Early dismissal. Hamburger or fish patty/bun, fries/tots, apricots, cookie, milk.

Mar.2: Chicken tenders or CF beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, peaches, milk.

Mar.3: Crispito or tst. Cheese, sandwich, taco salad, applesauce, churro, milk.

Homedale Middle

Feb.26: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit, or salad bar, milk.

Feb.27: Haystack, roll, veggie sticks, fruit, or salad bar, milk.

Mar.1: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit, or salad bar, milk.

Mar.2: Fish nuggets or corn dog, rice, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Mar.3: Chicken tender or CF beef stk, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit, milk.

Homedale High

Feb.26: Chicken or hamburger/bun, fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Feb.27: Beef taco or sandwich choice, corn, fruit, milk.

Mar.1: Early dismissal. Pizza or nacho bar, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Mar.2: Hot pocket or weiner wrap, scalloped potatoes, fruit, milk.

Mar.3: Enchilada or burrito or baked potato bar, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Bruneau-Grandview

Feb.26: Sloppy Joes, tots, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Feb.27: Macaroni & cheese, deviled eggs, green beans, roll/butter, milk.

Mar.1: Chicken fajita, spanish rice, stir fry veggie, fruit, milk.

Mar.2: Stew, tossed salad, biscuits, pudding, fruit, milk.

Mar.3: Ham, scalloped potatoes, veggie, roll/butter, fruit cobbler, milk.

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Or to leave a message for a senator or representative, call the state house at 332-1000.

Public notices

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
57-11659

DANIEL P TEMPLE
MURIEL J ANDERSON
9434 BONANZA LN
MELBA ID 83641
Point(s) of Diversion NESW S7
T01N R03W OWYHEE County
Source GROUND WATER
Point(s) of Diversion NESW S7
T01N R03W OWYHEE County
Source GROUND WATER
Point(s) of Diversion NE-
NESW S7 T01N R03W
OWYHEE County Source
SPRING
Tributary To SNAKE RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/15 To
11/15 0.2 CFS
Use: HEATING 01/01 To 12/
31 1 CFS
Use: AESTHETIC 01/01 To 12/
31 1 CFS
Use: AESTHETIC STORAGE
01/01 To 12/31 5 AFA
Use: DIVERSION TO STOR-
AGE 01/01 To 12/31 1 CFS
Total Diversion: 1.2 CFS
Date Filed: 11/26/2003
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION

T01N R03W S7
NESW
Number of Acres 5
Place Of Use: HEATING
T01N R03W S7
NESW
Place Of Use: AESTHETIC
T01N R03W S7
NESW
Place Of Use: AESTHETIC
STORAGE
T01N R03W S7
NESW
Remark: Applicant agrees to mitigate consumptive use in the future as needed.
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 03/08/2004. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
KARL J DREHER, Director
2/18,25/04

GRAND VIEW IRRIGATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2003

Cash on Hand 12/31/02	85,246.19
Receipts	95,472.52
Interest	2,454.06
Total	183,172.77
Salary	28,250.00
Labor	468.65
Director Fee	600.00
Insurance	9,823.60
Weed Control	24,604.45
Material & Supplies	1,154.36
Office/Shop	3,446.18
Taxes	2,473.99
Audit/Legal	1,761.00
Fuel	3,806.41
Pick Up Payment	4,128.60
Idaho Power	341.21
Freight	783.20
Canal Maintenance	1,885.15
Machine Hire	2,450.00
Water measurement	5,000.00
Equipment Repairs	3,137.03
Total	94,113.83
Cash on Hand 12/31/03	78,166.98
Warrants Redeemed	13,135.19
Warrants Outstanding	-2,243.23
To Balance	183,172.77

Annual Financial Report
Year Ending December 31, 2003

Assets	
Cash on Hand	78,166.98
Fixed Assets	68,386.00
Equipment	20,000.00
Real Estate	166,552.98
Liabilities & Surplus	
Operation Warrants During Fiscal Year	
Warrants Issued During Year	94,113.83
Warrants Redeemed During Year	13,135.19
Warrant Outstanding	-2,243.23
Cash on Hand 12-21-2003	78,166.98
To Balance	183,172.77

I Dixie McDaniel, Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand View Irrigation District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct Statement of the Financial Operation of the Grand View Irrigation District covering a period of one year, and represents to the best of my knowledge, information and belief the financial condition of the District, at the close of the fiscal year December 31, 2003.

Dixie McDaniel
Secretary-Treasurer
Mark Frost, Chairman
Arnold Hipwell
Doug Thurman
2/25/04

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. A-138

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PARITY LIEN SEWER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2004B, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$324,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO; DESCRIBING THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF REVENUES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; ESTABLISHING FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING COVENANTS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BOND TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A summary of the principal provisions of Ordinance No. A-138 of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, adopted on December 9, 2003, is as follows:

Section 1: Defines the terms and phrases used in the ordinance.

Section 2: Describes the sewer improvement project to be constructed with the proceeds of the Bond authorized by said Ordinance, and states that \$324,000 of the cost thereof is to be paid from the sale of the Bond of the City described in Section 3 and authorized at a special election held on August 5, 2003, and the balance of which is to be paid from grant funds and other legally available funds.

Section 3: Describes the City of Marsing Parity Lien Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2004B (the "Bond"), and provides for the terms of payment and the maturity of the Bond.

Section 4: Provides for the manner and method of execution of the Bond.

Section 5: Provides for the place and manner of payment of the Bonds.

Section 6: Appoints the City Treasurer as Bond Registrar.

Section 7: Provides for the prepayment of the Bond.

Section 8: Provides for sewer rates and charges.

Section 9: Pledges the Net Revenues of the domestic sewer System for the payment of the Bond, on a parity of lien with the Series 2002 Bond.

Section 10: Establishes the "City of Marsing Sewer Project Capital Improvement Fund."

Section 11: Establishes the "City of Marsing Sewer Revenue Fund."

Section 12: Establishes the "City of Marsing Sewer Revenue Bond Fund."

Section 13: Provides for a Debt Service Reserve Fund.

Section 14: Provides for the disposition of surplus funds.

Section 15: Establishes the

conditions of the limitations on the issuance of additional bonds or other obligations.

Section 16: Provides for the investment of surplus funds.

Section 17: Provides certain general covenants of the City with the Registered Owner of the Bond.

Section 18: Provides certain special covenants of the City with respect to the exclusion of interest on the Bond from income taxation.

Section 19: Provides for method of amending the Ordinance and adopting supplemental ordinances.

Section 20: Recites that the Bond is issued pursuant to the Idaho Revenue Bond Act.

Section 21: Provides for remedies of the Registered Owner of the Bond.

Section 22: States that the Ordinance constitutes a contract with the Registered Owner of the Bond.

Section 23: Provides for severability.

Section 24: Repeals prior inconsistent ordinances to the extent of any inconsistency.

Section 25: Provides for issuance of bond anticipation notes or other interim financing obligations.

Section 26: Authorizes the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Treasurer to execute any additional documents necessary to sell and deliver the Bond.

Section 27: Provides for the publication of the Ordinance or a summary thereof and the effective date of the Ordinance.

The full text of Ordinance No. A-138 is available at City Hall and will be provided to any citizen upon personal request during normal office hours.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2003.

CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
/s/Faye Pfrimmer, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/Janice C. Bicandi,
City Clerk
2/25/04

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. SP-04-02000M IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the matter of the application of IGNACIO AGUILERA for change of name of

DANIEL AGUILERA VEGA,
Minor Child.

A petition by the father, IGNACIO AGUILERA, for a minor child DANIEL AGUILERA VEGA, who was born on April 23, 1995, in Nampa, Idaho, and who both reside at 228 E. Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho, proposing change in name to DANIEL VEGA AGUILERA. Has been filed in the above entitled court.

The reason for the change in name is to prevent confusion about the child's surname. The petitioner wishes to reverse the two parts of his child's surname so his surname, Aguilera, is known as the child's official surname.

Such petition will be heard at the above entitled court on the 7th day of April, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.,

and objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objection, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 10th day of February, 2004.

Clerk, Charlotte Sherburn
Deputy, Jan Fink
Erik Johnson
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2/18,25-3/10/04

OWYHEECOUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2004 OWYHEECOUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner Harold Tolmie, Commissioner Dick Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Salove, Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, Treasurer Barbara Wright, Assessor Brett Endicott, Sheriff Gary Aman, Deputy Richard Freund, and Jim Desmond.

Jim Desmond brought before the Board recommendations made by the Natural Resources Committee on amendments to the OHV Ordinance adopted by the County in 2002. No action was taken.

Chad Hyslop and Simon Bell from US Ecology met before the Board with an update on pending issues.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve and post a Statement of Support For the Guard and Reserve. The motion was carried by Commissioner Salove, and approved.

Resolution No. 04-03 Regarding the Appointment of Members to Serve on the Owyhee County Snowmobile Advisory Committee was adopted the Board. The Board appointed Kevin Lawson, Scott Bennett, Joe Usabel, Ben Badiola and Dennis Pruitt as members to the Committee.

Doris Jewett met with the Board for authorization to hire a part-time employee in the Tracker Position with the Probation Department. The Board approved the position to start at a 5A.

The Board approved a request from Doris Jewett to move the position of Probation Secretary from a 4C to a 4D.

The elected officials met with the Board on the revision of the personnel handbook.

There being no further business the Board called for adjournment.

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

Harold Tolmie, Chairman
Attest: Charlotte Sherburn,
Clerk

2/25/04

*Buy it, sell it,
trade it, rent it...
in the
Classifieds!*

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On May 6, 2004, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock pm of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, 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:

See Attached Exhibit "A"

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of HC 79 Box 934 a/k/a 8167 Owyhee View Lane, Melba, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale inferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Mark B. Crandall, an unmarried man, as Grantor(s) with DMI, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded May 29, 2002, as Instrument No. 239776, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, recorded May 29, 2002, as Instrument No. 239777, in the records of said County.

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 the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for there under as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,114.73 for the months of August 2003 through and including the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$140,051.01 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 7.00% from July 1, 2003, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell

or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 30th day of December, 2003.

Paula Peterson
Trust Officer for
Charles C. Just, Esq.
P.O. Box 50271
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Exhibit "A"

A parcel of land being a portion of Government Lots 5 and 3 lying in Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a brass cap marking the Southwest corner of said Government Lot 5; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Government Lot 5 and the centerline of State Highway No. 78,

North 00° 17' 00" West 619.10 feet to a railroad spike; thence leaving said Westerly boundary of Government Lot 5 and said centerline of State Highway No. 78,

North 89° 11' 40" East 774.10 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 48° 41' 51" East 311.24 feet to an iron pin; thence

North 89° 11' 40" East 159.11 feet to an iron pin marking the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

North 00° 17' 00" West 562.56 feet to an iron pin; thence

North 88° 33' 30" East 299.00 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 17° 24' 00" East 514.31 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 27° 04' 20" East 81.37 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 89° 11' 40" West 487.01 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

For information concerning this sale please contact The Just Law Office at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.

2/25-3/3,10,17/04

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 357206406

T.S. No. 1061821-09 Parcel No.

On May 13, 2004, at the hour of 11:00am, 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 in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of the sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit:

See Attached Exhibit 'A'

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 Duane Kenny, a married man, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Nathan R. Coe and Linda R. Coe, husband and wife, as Beneficiary and recorded in Owyhee County as instrument number 228950. Substitution of Trustee having been signed May 19, 2003 and recorded June 9, 2003 as Instrument No. 243819, records of Owyhee County,

Idaho, naming Michaelina B. Murphy as Successor Trustee. The above Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a). No representation is made that they are or are not presently responsible for this obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure of the Grantor to pay when due, monthly installments as set forth on the Note secured by said Deed of Trust. Monthly installments as set forth on the Note secured by said Deed of Trust. Monthly

installments in the amount of \$987.81, which includes principal, interest and escrow impounds, is due for March 2003 and the 18th day of each and every month thereafter. The Beneficiary exercised their option to call the whole sum of the

principal and interest, which was immediately due and payable upon Grantor's failure to make the March 18, 2003 installment when due. Interest continues to accrue at the rate of 9% per annum. The principal balance is \$17,356.25 plus accruing interest, and;

Failure to pay real property taxes for the year 1999 in the amount of \$265.52, and for the year 2000 in the amount of \$187.80, and for the year 2001 in the amount of \$174.08, and for the year 2002 in the amount of \$133.49, and for the year 2003 in the amount of \$128.88 plus penalty and interest to date of payment.

ALL AMOUNTS are now due and payable along with all costs and fees associated with this foreclosure.

Dated this 12 day of February 2004.

Michaelina Murphy, Successor Trustee

Murphy Law Office, PLLC
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Caldwell, Idaho 83606
Exhibit "A"

A tract of land lying in the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee

County, Idaho, more particularly describe as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the North boundary line of State Highway No. 55 (formerly State Highway No. 20) which point is East 955.0 feet and North 33.0 feet from the South Quarter corner of said Section 33; thence running

North a distance of 896.0 feet; thence

North 85° 40' East, a distance of 483.3 feet; thence running

South, a distance of 923.5 feet to a point on the North boundary line of State Highway No. 55, which point is 482.1 feet East from the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

West along said boundary line 482.1 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

2/25-3/3,10,17/04

PUBLIC HEARING

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

The plan, attachments and support documents are available for review at the SICHA administrative office located 1108 West Finch Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83651 between the public business hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. In Owyhee County, the plan and attachments can be examined at the El-Ada Community Center, 15 West Colorado, Homedale, Idaho. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held at the SICHA administrative office in Nampa at the address indicated above on April 16, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

NOTICE

The Southwest District Board of Health will hold a **Board Meeting** on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Southwest District Health, Room 200, 920 Main Street, Caldwell, Idaho.

2/25/04

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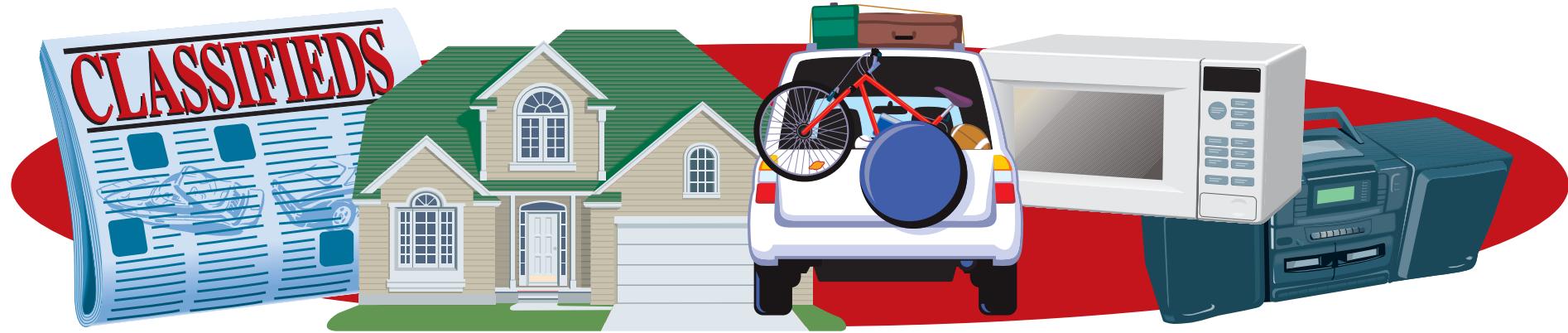
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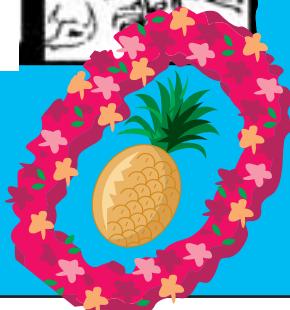
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Ice Cream
5 qt.

\$4.59
ea.

Keebler Cookies
E.L. Fudge
13-15 oz.

2 \$4

Western Family
High Protein
Dry Dog Food 37.5 lb.

\$10.99
ea.

Western Family
Frozen Potatoes
24-28 oz.

2 \$3

Tampico
Fruit Punch
Gallon

\$1.19
ea.

Western Family
Pineapple Juice
64 oz.

\$2.99
ea.

SRM COUPON PLU#5001

Capri Sun

Fruit Drinks

\$1.50

ea.

LIMIT 4 PACKAGES PER COUPON • PER VISIT

SRM COUPON PLU#5002

Western Family

Bath Tissue

\$1.99

6-12 Ct. Pkg.

SRM COUPON PLU#5003

Western Family

Ice Cream

\$3.69

5 qt. Buckets

ea.

LIMIT 3 PER COUPON • PER VISIT

SRM COUPON PLU#5004

Tampico

Fruit Punch

99¢

ea.

LIMIT 4 GALLONS PER COUPON • PER VISIT

HOURS: Mon. - Sat. 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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