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## Ward has two warehouses under construction

"I am in it for the long haul," said Ron Ward of Sparks, referring to his land development projects in the Lovelock area. Ward, owner of WLM & D, Inc., owns several parcels of land in Pershing County and is working to develop sites for businesses and homes.

Currently, he is having two metal warehouses built on a site on Westfall Road, near Lower Valley Road. A contract for both buildings is pending with a farm supply company that builds cattle panels, Ward said.

Preparation of the site and construction of the buildings is being done by Monarch Construction of Fallon. This company recently completed work on the Physicians' Center across the street from the hospital, he said.

The outside metal shells of the warehouses will be complete in about six weeks. The insides of the buildings will be completed to the leasers' specifications; the complete project, including the parking lot, will be done in 60 days, Ward said.

Two more warehouse buildings on Westfall and a retail building on Lower Valley Road are planned for next spring. "The plans are finally coming together. I am also



**A heavy equipment operator works at clearing Ward's acreage west of Westfall Road in Lower Valley.**

*Photo by Rosemary Seals*

working on a truck stop to be located at Oreanna," Ward said.

Ward has submitted plans to the county commissioners for a master community to be constructed near Airport Road. The plan includes a 580 acre site, complete with numerous homes and parks. This

project will take several years to complete.

"The housing market has dropped, which affects my plans but it will pick up again," he said. "I plan on building my own home here."

Rick Johnson, the new owner of the Royal Inn (formerly Desert Plaza), said, "I

would not be here today if it were not for Ron. He brought me to Lovelock."

Ward said he has invested his money into the sites because he believes "in Lovelock's potential."

He said he is sincere in his belief in Lovelock and plans to be around for a long time.