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Fired Homedale officer files claim

A former Homedale City Police officer has filed a tort claim against the City of Homedale claiming computer fraud and now seeks damages in the amount of \$500,000.

Mike Spagnola's attorney, Lois Hart, served the city with the claim on July 15, stating Spagnola has suffered and will continue to suffer "tortious interference to his right to contract, loss of wages and benefits, libel, slander and defamation of his character and reputation, humiliation, embarrassment, physical harm, anguish and other consequential damages."

Spagnola accuses police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Sgt. James Austin of accessing his personal e-mail account and deliberately reading, printing and submitting

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Mike Spagnola



Beat the heat

Homedale's Garrett Sweet gets a wild ride from his dad and a break from the summer heat. Sweet vacationed with family and friends at Warm Lake last weekend. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

BLM on high alert for fire dangers

Bureau of Land Management State Director K Lynn Bennett said last week that he has alerted all Idaho BLM field offices to be on high fire alert after touring the Clover fire in the Twin Falls BLM district. The Clover fire was started by lightning July 15 near the border of Owyhee and Twin Falls counties. It was contained Thursday after charring 192,846 acres.

Bennett said a thick blanket of continuous, tinder-dry grass covers millions of acres of federal land across Southern Idaho. He said the fine fuel is like nothing that has been seen in recent history.

As temperatures warm up and conditions worsen, wildland firefighters are bracing themselves for the worst. Bennett said he is asking the public to be extremely

cautions and safe with fire this year.

"Our public land managers and firefighters are faced with serious concerns over the increasingly dangerous fire conditions as the summer turns hotter and dryer," Bennett said. "Southern Idaho,

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BLM offers tips to stay safe during fire season, *page 4*

Marsing votes on bond again

Marsing voters will go to the polls Tuesday for the second time this year to vote on a bond to improvement the city's water system.

And Mayor Don Osterhoudt thinks those voters have enough information to make an educated decision about the issue. He hopes it's to vote "yes" for the \$1.7 million bond that could help Marsing improve its public protection number in the eyes of the Idaho Survey and Rating Bureau.

Doug Young, a fire insurance rating representative with the Idaho Survey and Rating Bureau, said that the number could improve slightly if the city's fire suppression capabilities improve with the increased water pressure expected to accompany an updated system.

Passage of the bond is crucial to securing government grants to finance the rest of the project, Osterhoudt said. A total of \$860,000 in grant money from state and federal sources could

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Owyhee Cattlemen gather in Silver City for summer convention

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association will gather in Silver City this weekend for the 127th Annual summer convention. Events will begin on Saturday morning and will again be held in the Masonic Lodge instead of the schoolhouse because of the ongoing restoration at the school.

Registration will be held at 9 a.m., followed by the business meeting, membership bit drawing, introduction and president's report

by Brian Collett and the election of directors by past president Tony Richards.

At 10:30 a.m., the general business meeting will get underway with awards to the honorary life members, a discussion on the Owyhee Initiative by Chad Gibson, a presentation from the Owyhee Watershed Council and results of the landowner sage grouse survey by Scott Jensen.

This year's honorary life

members are Juanita Johnstone, Virginia Belknap and Dick and Barbara Jayo.

The group will break for a potluck lunch at about noon, and the business meeting will continue at 2 p.m.

After the lunch break, old business and new business will be discussed, and vice president Brad Huff will give a presentation of resolutions.

At 3:30 p.m., the industry

reports will be given with spokespersons from the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund (R-CALF), the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Idaho Cattle Association, Bureau of Land Management state and district offices and other reports as time permits.

The social hour sponsored by the association begins at 5 p.m. Dinner will be prepared and served at 6 p.m. by Caba's

Catering of Marsing. A dance will be held at 9:30 p.m. with live music from the band Runnin' for Cover. Admission is \$5 per person or \$8 per couple.

Caba's will serve breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Sunday, and a director's meeting will be held at the Nettleton Horse Corral at 10 a.m.

— For more on the convention, see our special section in today's edition.

Senior center reaches out to injured Homedale serviceman

When Shirley McAbee heard about the plight of Jeremy Fountain, her community pride kicked into gear.

The Homedale Senior Center coordinator immediately wanted to form some type of assistance program for the Homedale serviceman who was seriously injured in a bomb blast in Iraq two weeks ago.

“I said, ‘We have to do something because this is a Homedale boy,’ “ McAbee said of her reaction upon hearing the news of Fountain’s injuries.

So McAbee went into action. She has set up a donation canister at the senior center at 224 E. Idaho Ave., and some proceeds from the two-day yard sale held last Friday and Saturday will go to Fountain’s family.

The can for donations will be placed near the front door of the center.

“When I announced my plans to the seniors, they all agreed,” McAbee said.

McAbee, who keeps the senior center open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, said the goal was to raise at least \$100 for Fountain through the weekend rummage sale.

And more with the ongoing



Browsing bargains
Gloria Almaraz of Homedale examines items on one of the tables set up inside the Homedale Senior Center for its two-day yard sale last weekend. Almaraz was shopping Saturday with her children.

presence of the donation can.

The sale traditionally is used to raise funds for the senior center’s programs, such as free meals for people 60 and older.

The public is welcome to the senior center for its meals. McAbee points out that the free meals at the senior center also are open to diners younger than 60 for

a \$5 charge.

Another fund-raiser for the senior center is its annual Buckaroo Breakfast, which is served in the center’s parking lot during the week of the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo.

This year’s breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day from Aug. 9 to Aug.



Serviceman fund
Homedale Senior Center coordinator Shirley McAbee holds up the canister that will be positioned near the center’s front door. The senior center is taking donations to be forwarded on to Jeremy Fountain, the Homedale serviceman injured by a bomb blast in Iraq earlier this month.

13. The breakfast runs Tuesday through Saturday, but in the past has started on Wednesday.

The menu will feature hotcakes, sausage and eggs and the choice of coffee, milk or orange drink.

For more information on the breakfast, call 337-3020.

— JB

Owyhee rodeo entries open Monday

The Owyhee County Rodeo has announced that entries for this year’s rodeo will open Monday, Aug. 1.

Entry times will be 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every day until Aug. 6.

For more information, call 455-7922.

The Owyhee County Rodeo will be Aug. 10-13 during the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale.

The grand entry will be held at 8 each night after the 7:30 p.m. mutton busting show.

All-local events include:

Ranch Hand Bronc Riding, with \$1,000 added money (stock saddle rules).

Owyhee County Team Roping (teams are No. 3 total), in which one member must be from Owyhee County. This is a buckle roping-only event.

Steer riding, which is open to competitors between the ages of 10 and 14 years old.

A birth certificate is required to register.

Wild cow milking, with \$250 added money, will be held Friday night.

The wild horse race will be held Saturday only and carries \$500 added money.

Mutton busting is open to children ages 5-7 who weigh 55 pounds or less.

The ICA open event books also will open on Aug. 1. The ICA is handling those entries.

There were 501 contestants signed up for the 2004 rodeo, according to rodeo secretary Ilene Canning.

Masons recognize students, teachers

The Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 in Homedale has honored local students and teachers with awards.

Receiving Masonic scholarships are Lacy Vanderbaugh of Homedale, Brooke Millet of Marsing, Crystal Cortez of Wilder and Viridiana Arteaga of Parma.

The Masons also recognized a teacher of the year in the Homedale, Marsing, Wilder and Parma school districts.

Barbara Galloway won the award in Homedale. Daryl Lemos was teacher of the year in Marsing. Wrenda Carey was honored in Wilder. Parma’s teacher of the year recipient is Patty Hutton.

Wilke Farms CAFO hearing reopens Aug. 16

More testimony for a conditional use permit filed by Wilke Farms near Homedale will be heard next month in Murphy.

The hearing continuation will begin at 8 a.m. on Aug. 16 in Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse.

The hearing originally was concluded in April after several days of testimony, and a decision was expected in May. But heavy spring rain caused a neighboring ranch to be flooded with mud and cattle waste, prompting a request to reopen the hearing.

The application under question

is for a confined animal feeding operation facility designed to feed a total of 9,000 cattle ranging in age from 5 to 15 months. Hearings have been held during the past several months as neighbors continue to object to the issuance of the permit.

The public notice announcement states that evidence to be taken at the reconvened hearing will be limited to response to questions posed to the parties by the planning and zoning commission and to evidence related to rains of May 6-7. Only members of the public within 1-mile radius

of the proposed site may provide comment at the hearing.

Neighboring rancher Helen Kettle requested the county reopen the hearing to consider additional testimony, which she hoped to enter into evidence after her property was flooded with cattle waste and mud in May. The state Department of Agriculture conducted an investigation into the flooding.

Kettle, who lives just north of Wilke Farms on Johnstone Road, has openly objected to an expansion of the feedlot. A hearing examiner was hired to

hear the case, but a decision has not yet been made.

Kettle claims that a rain storm dumped “tons” of toxic effluent onto newly planted trees, flooded a wildlife pond, killed an “uncountable” number of earthworms and possibly contaminated a domestic well located at the edge of her property.

She claims that the natural drainage flows into the A Canal, which empties into the Snake River.

— CB



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Caldwell man rescued by search crews

A Caldwell man reportedly is in good condition after rescue crews located him Monday morning after searching for him during parts of two days.

A team comprised of volunteers, Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies and Owyhee posse members began searching for Kyle Loe when his friends reported him missing in the Silver City area near Boulder Creek on Sunday. Loe had been last seen on Saturday. Crews found him at 11:35 a.m. Monday.

A dispatcher said friends of Loe's called Sunday and reported him missing. They reported that they had searched for Loe on Sunday but were unable to locate him. Search crews were formed Sunday evening.

The dispatcher said an airplane had been added to the search team and a motorcycle group had volunteered to help.

Loe wasn't injured during his two-night stay in the mountains. The exact location where he was found was not known at press time.

— CB



Fun and games

Homedale children, from left to right, Dustin Mansisidor and Devyn Mansisidor, both 3, and 5-year-old Allison Shenk, exit the inflatable slide after a fun ride during the second annual Homedale Community Block Party on Saturday at City Park.

Homedale party delivers food, fun and information

The second annual Homedale Community Block Party filled City Park with the shrieks of excited children and the curiosity of shoppers looking for the perfect knick-knack for the house on a pleasant, sunny day Saturday.

"It went really well," Homedale City Clerk Susan Mansisidor said. "We lucked out with a beautiful, beautiful day."

Nineteen vendor and informational booths and concession stands lined the perimeter of the park Saturday, but the centerpiece seemed to be the Homedale Rural Fire District truck and personnel who were there to answer questions about their service and hand out plastic fireman's hats and other toys to the children.

"We do this for an awareness of what equipment the community has helped us acquire over time," said Joe Mansisidor, a 14-year veteran of the fire district.

Mansisidor and a handful of his

colleagues sat behind a table with one of the department's fire trucks as a backdrop.

The display was dominant in the park setting, which also featured vendors selling various crafts or providing information.

There also was a large inflatable slide set up for the children.

One of the next big events for Homedale is a community yard sale and farmers market planned for Riverside Park on Sept. 10.

Vendors and other participants are being sought for this event, which will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the park.

Yard sale permits won't be required, but there is a fee of \$5 to reserve a specific spot to sell in the park.

For more information on the yard sale, drop by Homedale City Hall, call 337-4641 or e-mail Susan Mansisidor at susanm.homedale@cablone.net.

— JB

Oregon teen drowns in Owyhee River

A 14-year-old Keiser, Ore., boy drowned in the Owyhee River at Birch Creek Campground on July 16, the Malheur County Sheriff's Office reported last week. Justin Wood drowned when he stepped into a deep-water area and was taken underwater. His body was recovered the following day.

Reports from the sheriff's office state that deputies responded to the area just before dark on July 16. The search was suspended until July 17 because of darkness.

The report says contact was made with Wood's uncle, Ronald Strohmeier, who said he and several cousins were wading in the river near the far end of the Birch Creek camp area. One of the boys started yelling, and Strohmeier saw that the boys were in trouble in deep water.

"Mr. Strohmeier swam and rescued one of the boys," the report states. "He grabbed an inner tube and swam back out and saw that Justin was bobbing in and out of the water. He threw the inner tube to Justin just as he went under again. This time Justin did not re-surface."

Wood was visiting his father for summer vacation. His uncle took the children on a rafting trip when the accident happened.

Search-and-rescue personnel used an underwater camera to locate the body, which was recovered and transported to Jordan Valley.

— CB

Watershed council opens small grant program

The Owyhee Watershed Council announced the opening of its 2005-2007 Owyhee Small Grant Program last week. The program is now available to address resource concerns in the Oregon portion of the Owyhee River Basin and portions of the Mid-Snake Succor Subbasin in Oregon only.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) plans to allocate \$100,000 of state lottery funds for small watershed restoration projects within the Owyhee Watershed for the two-year period.

The Owyhee Small Grant Team, made up of four local representatives from the Owyhee Watershed Council and

the Malheur County Soil and Water Conversation District, is charged with administering the funds.

The Owyhee Small Grant Team will review and approve project applications. Priority consideration will be given to projects addressing water quality concerns.

Projects that address water quantity, rangeland health, soil condition, AFO/CAFO waste management and wildlife concerns are also eligible for funding. Funding decisions will be based on an objective scoring criteria using the identified local priorities.

The application period opened July 1 on a continuous basis

with the following cut-off dates: Sept. 30; Jan. 31, 2006; May 31, 2006; Aug. 30, 2006; Dec. 15, 2006; Feb. 28, 2007; and May 30, 2007. Applications will be reviewed only while funds are still available, so applicants are urged to apply early.

Individual grant awards must not exceed \$10,000 and must demonstrate a minimum 35 percent match.

For more information on this program or to receive application, materials or technical assistance,

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Matteson’s new look
Top: Jay Karrel of Lytle Signs, Inc., in Boise walks the new sign to be installed at Matteson’s Owyhee Motors closer to its destination Wednesday outside the store at the corner of Idaho and Main on Wednesday in Homedale. Co-worker Justin Hambry operated the crane holding the sign, which was replacing an old lighted sign with an updated look. *Right:* Karrel replaces a fluorescent bulb prior to installing the new sign at the corner of Idaho and Main on Wednesday in Homedale.



Protecting the public

Since the publication of registered sex offenders in Owyhee County last month, two more have been added to the state’s registry.
This list is published for the protection of the public.
The complete list can be found at:
http://www.isp.state.id.us/identification/sex_offender/

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BLM provides tips to help prevent wildfires

Here are some tips from the BLM on how to prevent wildfires:
Fireworks are illegal on all public lands in Idaho.
Stay on designated roads to prevent fires from catalytic converters.
Store fuels and fireworks in a secure place and provide adult supervision to children to reduce the risks of intentional or unintentional fires set by youths.
Use developed campsite fire rings.
Use spark arresters on all power equipment.
Use a maintenance check-off list when pulling trailers.
For farmers, do not burn on windy days and clear debris near

ditches and debris piles before burning. Also, make sure a good disc line is around the perimeter of the field before igniting, and be sure to make proper notifications and obtain burn permits.
These tips can help make your property safer from wildfire:
Homeowners can improve the chances of avoiding a fire by removing dry vegetation surrounding their homes.
Ensure access for fire vehicles.
Store firewood and flammables away from structures.
For more information on how to protect your home or property from wildfire, visit the National Wildland/Urban Interface Fire-wise Web site at: www.firewise.org.

Canyon County man sentenced in fatal accident

A Caldwell man has been sentenced to 10 years for his role in a car wreck that killed 21-year-old Charles Atwood, formerly from Homedale.
Prosecutors say that Downie Dock Jr. was drunk and talking on a cell phone when he ran a stop sign last October on Ustick Road near Homedale and collided with another vehicle, reportedly driven by Atwood.
At the sentencing hearing, Third District Judge Renae Hoff said Dock must serve at least eight years of his term before he is eligible for parole.
Dock was also ordered to pay \$5,000 restitution to help care for Atwood’s young son and another \$5,000 to Atwood’s family.

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✓ Bond

be available if the bond election is successful.

If nothing else, the mayor says he thinks more of the town’s 280 registered voters will show up at City Hall between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to cast their ballot. In February, the original \$1.55 million bond failed by a 76-42 count when only 42.1 percent of the city’s eligible voters showed up.

The latest bond is set at \$1.7 million because the available grant money from the government has fallen 5 percent.

“The reason I think the bond failed the first time is we did a poor job of educating the public on the real issues,” Osterhoudt said. “Everybody thought it was

Melba holds special sewer bond election

Melba will hold a special municipal bond election Tuesday in attempt to finance upgrades to the city’s sewer system.

The city’s registered voters can cast their ballot for or against the \$3 million bond from noon to 8 p.m. at Melba City Hall, 401 Carrie Rex.

going to pass, and they just stayed home and didn’t come out to vote.”

After two public informational

meetings on the revised bond proposal, Osterhoudt has more confidence that the plan will go through.

Some Marsing residents, however, aren’t so sure about the proposal, which is designed to allow Marsing to receiving matching United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development funds to finance the replacement of water mains and constructio of a new well and storage tank.

“I agree we need some of it,” Marsing resident Jack Mordhorst said, adding that storage and a better source of water are necessities.

The price tag of the project, though, worries Mordhorst.

“The whole plan is not to defeat the water deal,” he said of his opposition. “But it is to modify

it so the people of this city can afford it.”

According to city figures released at the public meetings earlier this month, the entire project cost, estimated at \$2.57 million, means a cost per household of \$4,079 over the life of the 30-year bond. But Osterhoudt said that the actual real cost is \$2,714 per household during the next 30 years when the grant money is factored in.

The sample ballot published in The Owyhee Avalanche on July 20 reported the total amount of the bond, including interest and principal, to be paid back over 30 years is \$3,131,400.

Spread across the 630 equivalent dwelling units in Marsing, the per-household cost would be about \$4,970 over 30 years or \$13.55 a month. The Marsing City Council

raised the city’s water rates by \$18 a month shortly before the February election, with \$5 of that being listed as a maintenance fee.

Osterhoudt said Friday that there is a possibility that the city could recapture the extra \$155,000 it now needs to complete the water project.

But it won’t be known if the federal government could release that grant until March or April. The mayor said the city may have to raise rates another \$1.34 a month if the funding doesn’t come through.

“We know no matter what happens that we have to do something on Jan. 1 when we have to abandon the well across the canyon,” Osterhoudt said.

— JB

✓ Fires

like many areas throughout the Great Basin, is experiencing growth of grasses and brushy vegetation on a scale that many of us, and even some like me who have been around a while, have never seen in our careers.”

With the worsening fire conditions, Bennett last week convened a statewide teleconference, briefing Idaho BLM leadership and fire management officers on the potential severity of this year’s fire conditions. With near-record amounts of spring rain across much of southern Idaho, there is as much as three times the normal vegetation. This unusually dense buildup of vegetation, coupled with dry, warming summer temperatures, is creating extreme fire danger. Conditions are only expected to worsen as the season continues.

In May and early June, a series of wet weather systems moved across southern Idaho, bringing above average precipitation. The Boise area, for example, received nearly 4 inches of rain, the fourth-highest May precipitation on record. The Twin Falls and Idaho Falls areas also have received near-record levels of rainfall. This early moisture, coupled with mild temperatures, has promoted an extremely heavy crop of grass, a prime carrier of wildfire.

Production of cheatgrass in many areas is estimated at more than 3,000 pounds per acre. The annual average production has only been 600 to 800 pounds per acre in recent years. Not only have fuel loads increased significantly, the continuity of these fine fuels is much higher.

“If normal summer precipitation patterns and high temperatures continue, wildfires are going to be hard to knock down, and we can expect to see increases in the number of wildfires that get large fast,” Bennett said.

“The volatile 193,000-acre Clover Fire in Owyhee County has provided us a good indicator of the intense, erratic fire behavior Idahoans and the Great Basin area might expect to see in the coming weeks,” State Fire Management Officer Leonard Wehking said. “In anticipation of the lightning-caused fire started on July 15, we had BLM initial-attack crews pre-positioned. They were within 15 minutes of the Clover Fire start, but not even that was close enough.”

Within minutes of the lightning strike, the desert ecosystem, with grasses up to 4 feet high in places, was engulfed with erratic, soaring flames, fanned by gusty winds. Leonard said the fire burned sheds, wheat fields and livestock fences and swept through thousands of acres of the Saylor Creek Habitat Management Area, home to wild horses and other wildlife.

“With the characteristics exhibited in the Clover Fire, the fire behavior concerns that State Director K Lynn Bennett has been expressing have proven true,” Leonard said.

Because of the unusually severe conditions in southern Idaho, an interagency fire prevention Team has been assigned to assist BLM, U.S. Forest Service and the Idaho Department of Lands to increase public awareness of the dangers of wildland fires. The prevention team, which began duty July 15 in Boise, is developing fire prevention messages, press releases, public service announcements and other

public outreach materials.

“Lightning fires are going to keep us busy,” Bennett said. “We do not need to add human-caused wildfires to the equation.”

“As land managers, we are endeavoring to do everything we can to protect property and our natural resources and to ensure public safety,” Bennett said. “We also want our firefighters to come home safely. Every (human-caused) fire we can prevent increases the safety of our firefighters and the public.

“Whether you’re a homeowner, parent, camper or motorist, everyone can help prevent unwanted human-caused wildland fires,” Bennett said.

In Idaho, the most significant causes of wildfires are fireworks, campfires, agricultural fires, vehicles on dry grass and sparks from vehicles pulling trailers.

“Please be cautious with fire, and pass along this year’s wildland fire caution to your neighbors,” Bennett said. “Together, we can help keep the number of wildfires down and make Idaho a safer place this summer.”

Homedale grad re-enlists in Army

Army Staff Sgt. Jack A. Terry, a 1991 graduate of Homedale High School, has re-enlisted in the U.S. Army for an indefinite term after 12 years of military service.

Terry, a respiratory therapist, is the son of Vic and Dona Terry of Caldwell.

✓ Claim

e-mails without his permission in order to keep him from “compromising the department.”

Earlier this year, the state attorney general’s office and the Idaho State Police conducted an investigation into the conduct of the police department after Spagnola made allegations to Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman. Aman referred the allegations to county prosecutor Matthew Faulks, who requested the state’s assistance because of a conflict of interest.

After an investigation, the attorney general’s office declined to seek prosecution of criminal charges.

The investigation was conducted by ISP and reviewed by the AG’s office. A letter to Faulks from Stephen A. Bywater, the deputy attorney general chief in the criminal law division, dated March 9 states that “our review of the investigation has led us to the conclusion that the facts of the case do not rise to the level of criminal law violation. It appears to be undisputed that the e-mails were delivered to the Homedale Police Department computer because of Mr. Spagnola having set up a Microsoft e-mail account that automatically downloaded his messages on to the department’s

computer. When he left the department, Mr. Spagnola did not remove the account information nor did he ever request that the department have the account information removed.

But Spagnola contends that Eidemiller and other police department employees have been involved in “on-duty misconduct.” He states that even after changing his password on the computer located in the department, his e-mails were being opened, read and deleted before he read them himself.

“Eidemiller and Austin have continued to malign, surveil, slander, libel and harm claimant Mike Spagnola. As an example, Eidemiller, at Austin’s urging, called in caution codes to Nampa Police, alleging risk of dangerous conduct by claimant toward law enforcement. Austin and Eidemiller did so knowing that claimant could be hurt or killed if he was pulled over or approached for any reason by law enforcement. Eidemiller and Austin, and their agents, continue to slander claimant to potential employers, acquaintances and Homedale City officials.”

The claim has been referred to City Attorney Chris Nye, who could not be reached last week.

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Obituary

Peggy M. Zatica

Peggy M. Zatica, of Jordan Valley, Oregon, died Sunday, July 17, 2005 at St. Luke’s Hospital in Boise at the age of 66.

Peggy was born on May 8, 1939 in Chelsea, Oklahoma, to Everett B. and Hazel M. (McGinnis) Key. She attended schools in Homedale, Idaho, graduating from Homedale High School in 1957. She then continued her education at University of Idaho. She met Jim Zatica of Jordan Valley, and it was there that they were married on March 13, 1959. Peggy worked for the City of Jordan Valley as City Recorder for 20 years. She also worked very hard in her family business, Mrs. Z’s Convenience Store, the Service Station, and Motel. Peggy had a keen business sense and was a great asset and help to Jim in the business.



Peggy’s family was very important to her. She was a devoted grandmother and wonderful wife, sister, and friend. She will be dearly missed.

During her life, Peggy enjoyed following Steelheads hockey and was active in the Republican Party.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Jim Zatica of Jordan Valley; her children, Leeann (Mike) Conro and Kevin Zatica, both of Jordan Valley; her four grandchildren; her sister, Pat Embree of Boise, Idaho; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral Mass was held Thursday, July 21, 2005 at 10 a.m. at St. Bernards Catholic Church in Jordan Valley. A reception followed the funeral services at the Parish Hall. Private family burial was at the Jordan Valley Cemetery

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Bernards Catholic Church, 206 Yturri Blvd., Jordan Valley, Oregon 97910; or to a favorite charity.



Sadye and Lee Haylett

Lee Haylett, Sadye Wilson exchange vows in Caldwell

Lee and Sadye Haylett were married on June 18, 2005, in front of family and friends in the backyard of the home Sadye grew up in.

The bride, daughter of Scott and Shellye Wilson of Caldwell.

She is employed by Mako Marketing in Meridian.

The groom, son of Kirk and

Jolene Haylett of Corvallis, Ore., works for Business Interiors of Idaho in Boise.

Lee and Sadye look forward to sharing their lives together in Boise.

They would like to thank everyone who celebrated with them “country style” on their special day.

Weather

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July 19	101	54	
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July 21	104	54	
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July 24	no	read	
July 25	104	51	

Water report for July 25

Owyhee Reservoir held 558,860 acre-feet of water and was 78 percent of full. Water was entering the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 172 cubic feet per second of water was entering the reservoir at Rome and 223 CFS was leaving the dam. The reservoir is at 107 percent of a 30-year average.

Oasis serves free summer meals

As part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Summer Food Program, the Oasis Food Center will be serving free meals to children 18-and-younger at Homedale’s City Park Monday through Friday through Aug. 23.

Dr. Royce D. Wright is the director of the Caldwell-based food center, which is run by the Oasis Worship Center.

Free meals also are being served until Aug. 19 at the Labor Camp in Marsing and at Chula Vista in Wilder.

At all three locations, lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. both days, and the supper hour is 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 459-6000 for more information.

Event honors military families

The community will get a chance to show its support for the families of deployed military Aug. 6 at the Fargo Family Celebration, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wilder’s City Park. The Fargo Community Church is organizing the event.

Proceeds from a pie auction scheduled for 1 p.m. will benefit the families of members of the armed forces serving overseas. Pre-registered military families will enjoy free games and cotton candy at the event.

Other activities for the alcohol-free celebration include food booths, carnival games, guest speakers, live music, craft booths and other informational and vendor booths.

Local law enforcement, fire department personnel and D.A.R.E. representatives will be on hand, too.

There will be hourly drawings for gift certificates to area restaurants, and fresh produce will be on sale.

For more information on how to become a participating military family, contact organizer Brandi Hodnett by phone at 880-5513 or by e-mail at fargo_family_celebration@yahoo.com.

Former Homedale mayor teaches AARP driving class

Former Homedale Mayor Ervin Gifford retired last year, but he has not been just sitting around. He said now he is teaching a driver safety program for the elderly.

Gifford, now certified as an AARP 55 ALIVE instructor, is holding classes all around the Treasure Valley, even as far as Bruneau and Grand View.

He will hold a class in Marsing on next Wednesday and Thursday at the senior center.

The classes are held from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. with a 90-minute break for lunch.

The program is the nation’s first and largest classroom refresher for motorists age 50 and older.

For a minimal course fee with no tests, participants learn how to avoid driving hazards.

Gifford said most auto insurance companies offer discounts for drivers who complete the class.

Gifford became certified about two months ago and has

held several classes in Canyon and Owyhee counties. He said the class consists of two 4-hour sessions and costs \$10 per person. But the class is not only set up for the elderly. Gifford said anyone of any age could attend.

“If you take the course, most insurance companies will give you a break,” Gifford said.

“We got 5 percent off of ours.”

Gifford said the class is a review of Idaho’s laws, and each participant receives a copy of the state’s driving manual.

He volunteers his time to teach and said he felt it would give him something to do with his time and help the community. Upon completion, participants are given a certificate and — if eligible — they are registered in AARP.

To schedule a class, call Gifford at 337-4647 or AARP at (888) 227-7669.

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Influx of sports teams spikes Homedale schools’ travel miles

The number of miles traveled by Homedale schoolchildren jumped between the 2003-04 and 2004-05 school years, but there is no need for cuts, according to district superintendent Tim Rosandick.

Rosandick presented school trustees with a transportation report at the board’s July 11 meeting, but he said the presentation was merely informational and not meant to throw up any red flags.

“I didn’t want them to get locked into the accuracy of the numbers, but focus on the concepts,” Rosandick said. “The purpose in dealing with it was trying to educate (trustees) on transportation and how it works in regards to state funding.”

The state reimburses school districts 85 percent of the cost of allowable miles, or miles that were traveled for educational

purposes. Non-allowable mileage (such as travel for athletic teams) is the responsibility of individual districts.

Using numbers compiled by Homedale district transportation director Tom Muir, Rosandick pointed out that the school district’s buses covered 6,139 more miles in the 2004-05 school year than the fleet did in 2003-04, a change of 4.4 percent.

Of that increased mileage, 5,617 miles were non-reimbursable. Rosandick said last week that figures show nearly 74 percent of that figure, or 4,126 miles, was attributable to Homedale athletics on both the middle school and high school level.

Using the 2003-04 state cost-per-mile allowance (\$2.69 per mile) as a bench mark, the district’s transportation costs increased roughly \$16,500 for the

2004-05 school year.

But the district’s new superintendent said all this data is informational to keep school board members in the loop as they gear up to create the next budget. It’s part of his plan to offer periodic reports on different aspects of the school district’s finances.

“I want to provide information to the board that will be relevant to them as they prepare the budget,” Rosandick said.

There is no crisis at hand, he added.

“I’m not in a position to be overly concerned about it right now,” Rosandick said. “I’ve been told by (district business manager Jim Duncan) that we’re in good shape.”

Still, the increased mileage probably won’t go away, especially in the wake of Homedale athletics’

continued participation in the Snake River Valley conference and the addition of new sports teams.

The biggest chunk of mileage racked up by the sports teams in the Homedale secondary system came from traveling to face teams in McCall. Rosandick said that after making no trips to that area during the 2003-04 school year, middle school teams traveled to McCall four times last school year. The high school teams made six more trips to McCall in 2004-05 than they did in the previous year.

Overall, the middle school athletic program traveled 4,381 miles last year, a jump of 2,640 over the previous year. The football team traveled 500 more miles, and the volleyball players traversed 680 more miles.

The addition of sports teams

also contributed to more mileage. Girls soccer was added to the menu at the high school for the 2004-05 year, and it showed on the odometers. The soccer program accounted for just 660 of the high school athletics program’s 14,295 miles in 2003-04. Last year, that number jumped to 1,540 miles of the 18,421 total.

Rosandick said even with the spike in mileage, there is no need to ask parents to take on some of the transportation costs as is the case in other school districts.

“If we had to make cuts in the budget and adjustments in the budget, we would have to make them as far away from the kids as possible,” Rosandick said. “We wouldn’t take any steps that would put more of a burden on parents or have a negative effect on kids.”

— JB

BBB warns of asphalt scammers at work in the area

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office reported last week that a band of asphalt paving scam artists could be trying to do business in the county.

The report came a few days after the Better Business Bureau branch in Boise had issued a law enforcement advisory warning against similar scam artist activity in Canyon, Ada and Gem counties. The BBB’s advisory went out to Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon law enforcement agencies.

The Better Business Bureau issued the warning after numerous reports that rural area homeowners have been approached with the familiar “left over materials” pitch. Victims report paying out thousands of dollars for substandard, over-priced service.

Representatives of the company have set up a series of seemingly credible addresses to give the appearance of being located in Idaho. To date, the BBB is aware of the following names, addresses and vehicle descriptions belonging to at least one group:

Young Paving, aka: Joe Young Paving, J & J Hotmix Paving, Otis Young Paving.

Company principals use the names: Otis L. Young, Joe Young,

Joe Young, Jr., Otis Young, Jr.

Addresses being used:

542 W. 9320 South, Sandy, UT 84070 (This location is a paid answering service)

255 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., PMB 652 Twin Falls, ID 83301 (This is a paid mail drop)

702 W. Idaho St., Suite 1000 Boise, ID 83702 (This location is a paid answering service)

Representatives are reported to be driving the following late-model pickup trucks and sports utility vehicles:

Red 2002 Chevrolet pickup, Idaho plate, Twin Falls County registered to a Joe Young, Jr. Texarkana, Texas

Green 2005 Chevy pickup, Idaho plate, Twin Falls County, registered to a Joe Young, Jr. Texarkara, Texas

Yellow 2005 Hummer, Idaho plate, Twin Falls County, registered to an Otis Young, at the Twin Falls address listed above

White late-model Ford F150 pickup, Idaho plate, Twin Falls County, registered to an Otis Young, at the Twin Falls address listed above

The group has filed an assumed name with the Idaho Secretary of State and has known registrations in Utah and Arizona.

Field manager calls new Marsing BLM office success

Bureau of Land Management Marsing Field Manager Ron Kay says adding a field office to the Marsing area has been a huge success in shortening the gap between cattlemen, recreationalists and federal land issues. Kay says he has had plenty to do since BLM opened the office seven months ago.

“It has been good,” Kay said from the field office this month. “What we found out is we have many people with many different interests coming into this office. The recreationalists have been coming in for maps. We are expanding our map collection, to include those covering public lands that go into Oregon because we are so close. We have found that we are a crossroads for people coming out to Owyhee County to recreate and for those who live here.

“Customers that we permit like the office because they can come here and meet with us. It is closer for them. They can go back home and get back to work instead of taking a whole day for a trip to Boise,” Kay said. “Some of the issues we are working on are in the range, recreation and fire programs. We are working to comply with the 9th Circuit Court is order that BLM issue new permits on all the 68 allotments

in Owyhee County by 2006. That basically covers most of the grazing in the county.

“Right now, we are in the process of reviewing and getting ready to send out final assessments and reviews on 26 allotments. We are also in the initial review process for 42 more allotments that we have to get completed by 2006. We are working very closely with the permittees and other interested parties.

“We have a fuels reduction program under way in Silver City area with the goal of working to reduce fuels and make fire breaks. We had high school students from the Boise Valley up in the area helping us in June as part of the Fire Up Summer Education Program.

"Last year, we were able to donate some of the trees that were thinned out to the county historical society for them to sell as Christmas trees. We plan to try and do it again this year.

“We are currently seeking public review and comment on our Juniper Mountain Landscape Strategy, prior to developing project-specific documents that will address implementing the strategy.

“In another area, we are working on a proposal to chip the juniper material and haul it to Emmett,

where it will be burned as an alternative source of fuel for a heating generator located at the high school.

“The recreation issues that we are presently working on are identification of open area in the Hemingway Butte and the designation of the roads and trails in the general area called the Owyhee Front. Hemingway Butte is the area open, and we have a trailhead there. What we are trying to do is first manage the traffic and the parking in that area, and management of how the people leave the parking area and get on those trails. The county has developed a task group to look at those areas, and we have two BLM representatives on that task force.

“It is a good partnership. There are a lot of issues to deal with out there, so we need permittees, landowners and the recreationists to be involved in developing a management plan that everyone will support.

“The response to opening up the Owyhee Field Office in Marsing has been overwhelmingly positive. The people in Marsing have been wonderful. It is like we have been here forever.”

— CB

Marsing project part of Idaho’s \$783 million roadwork plan

Ada and Canyon counties will see more than 200 new road and transit projects under the state’s new GARVEE plan, which includes a \$8 million project on Highway 95 from Marsing to Sunnyslope. The project is part of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne’s GARVEE bond, which was passed by the State Legislature

earlier this year.

The Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE) program allows states to borrow money by selling bonds to finance highway projects now and repay the debt over time with the state’s annual allotments of federal transportation money. The bonds are a way to jump-start a

statewide \$1.6 billion highway-improvement effort.

The Legislature’s approval this year allowed the state to accelerate construction that would otherwise take years to become a reality. Gov. Kempthorne’s push to improve the state’s highway system was the impetus for the GARVEE legislation.

The Legislature approved Idaho borrowing \$1.6 billion against future federal transportation projects to fund 13 projects to improve the state highway system. The projects are planned around the entire state, including a four-lane freeway from Sandpoint to Coeur d’Alene in North Idaho; a new Snake River bridge in south-

central Idaho; and a new 56-mile, four-lane divided highway through Indian Valley in Central Idaho.

Marsing will get a reconstruction and realign on Idaho 55 between Marsing and the Sunnyslope curve in 2008, which will cost \$8.074 million.

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Rich, for a while...

Nevada resident Denise Buonamici shows \$5,000 she and her husband found in the parking lot of the ION Truck Plaza. Buonamici's newfound riches were short lived as the owners of the money reported it missing the next day.

Jordan Valley couple recovers cash lost at ION truck plaza

A Jordan Valley couple thought their chances of recovering \$5,000 they lost was little to none, but thanks to the honesty of Denise and Rob Buonamici from Nevada, the money has been recovered and returned to its rightful owners.

Cheryl Ann Fritz and her husband Einar were traveling through Owyhee County on July 19 when they stopped at the ION Truck Plaza at the Highway 95-55 junction. While the Fritzes were pumping gas and buying cold drinks, an envelope containing the money in \$100 bills was dropped on the ground. The Buonamicis found the envelope and quickly alerted authorities.

"I looked inside a white US Bank envelope that Denise handed

to me and saw \$5,000 in cash in \$100 bills," Owyhee County Deputy Perry Grant said. "There were no withdrawal slips or forms to identify anyone. I was advised by the sheriff (Gary Aman) to take the cash into custody as found property for safekeeping until I could locate the original owners."

Last Wednesday, Grant looked at video surveillance tapes from the ION and saw a red late-1990s model passenger car at the gas pumps near where the money was found. He said the license number of the vehicle wasn't visible. Later Wednesday, Fritz reported that she had lost \$5,000, and the money was returned. Neither couple could be reached for comment.

— CB

Owyhee breeders mentioned in Angus group's sire report

Several Owyhee County Angus breeders have been recognized in the 2005 Fall Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association, which is based in Saint Joseph, Mo.

From Homedale, Doug and Janice Burgess own two bulls listed on the report.

From Grand View, C & D Angus Co., and T J Grand Angus Co., each have a bull listed.

The Colyer Cattle Co. from Bruneau owns a bull listed on the report.

Murphy's William L. White has a pair of bulls listed on the semi-annual report.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the report features the latest performance information available on 6,653 sires, and is accessible at www.angussiresearch.com.

"This report provides both Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers using Angus genetics with accurate, predictable selection tools for improving their herd," says Bill Bowman, American Angus Association director of performance programs.

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Sports



Trojans may have new athletic director

Aspecial meeting of the Homedale School District was called Tuesday night, and superintendent Tim Rosandick confirmed that the recommendation of a new athletic director for Homedale High School was on the agenda.

The interview committee was expected to present Nevada schools veteran Dave Hart to trustees as the man to replace Randy Potter, who now works

in the Nampa School District. Rosandick said it was likely Hart would win approval from the board.

Hart is moving to the area from Fernley, Nev., where he served as athletic director at Fernley High School for 19 years. In addition to coaching the Fernley football team for 21 years, Hart also coached baseball and track and field.



Rimrock football picks up coach from Mtn. Home

Jim Clark gained approval as Rimrock High School's new football coach during Thursday's meeting of the Bruneau-Grand View School Board.

Clark, who will continue to teach in Mountain Home, succeeds Carl Voight as the head coach of the Raiders.

Voight left the eight-man football program in February when the school board decided against renewing his supplemental contract.

In another move affecting the Rimrock athletic department during Thursday's meeting, Bob Delle was reissued a contract to continue as the Raiders' girls basketball coach.

Rimrock holds cheer tryouts

All Rimrock High School students from grades 9 through 12 interested in cheerleading are encouraged to attend orientation and tryout for the 2005-06 school year.

The orientation and tryout will run from 9 a.m. to noon from Aug. 3 to Aug. 5.

For more information, call Heather Lemon at (208) 834-2420.



These are the champions

Athletes from Homedale Middle School are all smiles as they show off the banners they earned during the Trojans' first season of competition in the Snake River Valley conference. In addition to winning championships in girls track and field and girls basketball, Homedale Middle School also collected a league title in wrestling. Submitted photos.

Homedale Middle School athletes look to new year after title runs

The 2005-06 school year is one of great anticipation for the Homedale Middle School Trojans after their inaugural season in the Snake River Valley conference proved to be quite successful.

The eighth-grade girls basketball teams compiled a combined 23-1 record last year.

The B team went 12-0, while the A team lost only once in 12 games.

The seventh- and eighth-grade wrestling team backed up its 2003-04 Western Idaho Conference championship by beating six other teams for the SRV title last season.

With a dominant performance in the field events, Homedale's eighth-grade girls track and field team won the District III meet championship.

The seventh-grade boys track and field squad finished second at the district meet after a slow start on the first day.

Marsing prep cowboy wins state horse award

Marsing High School graduate Scott Roeser, who qualified for last week's National High School Finals Rodeo, recently had his horse, Vandys Fools Gold, honored as the Idaho High School Rodeo Association's Boys Horse of the Year.

Roeser wrapped up his high school rodeo career Thursday in the steer wrestling event at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyo.

According to results posted on the National High School Rodeo Association's Web site, Roeser finished with a two-steer average time of 16.870 seconds. He clocked an 11.114-second time on his second steer, the 17th-best time in Thursday's morning performance, but was saddled with a time of 22.626 in the evening performance last Wednesday. Chance Honey of Rocky Ford, Colo., won the steer wrestling title with an average of 13.607.

Team Idaho finished 18th overall with 2,345 points. The Idaho boys team was 14th with 1,560 points,

while the girls placed 19th in their team competition.

For the horse of the year award, Roeser earned a \$300 college scholarship from the American Quarter Horse Association and Legend by Bayer. The honor was bestowed upon Roeser's horse at the Idaho High School Finals Rodeo, which ended June 25 at Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello. He also won a Tod Slone Saddles breast collar.

Roeser was eligible for national horse of the year honors, the winners for which were announced during the weekend at the National High School Finals Rodeo.

The national Horse of the Year award went to Holy Moly Nic, an animal out of Alberta. The winner of the national Horse of the Year award earned his cowboy \$5,000 in college scholarships and \$4,000 in prizes.

Roeser and Vandys Fools Gold won the state award by earning points at the state rodeo finals last month at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello.



Athletes of the year

Homedale Middle School recently honored its female co-athletes of the year and male athlete of the year. The winners, from left to right, were Mikal MacKenzie, Austin Emry and Hannah Gibson Johnson. Submitted photo.

Wilder golfers break through in River Bend juniors

Members off the River Bend Junior Golf Association geared up for their club championship with the Lions Tournament on Thursday in Wilder.

Once again, Homedale golfers peppered the leaderboard in the final summer tournament before the club championship this Friday. But three Wilder golfers managed to wrest flight crowns away.

Hannah Mauer, a 16-year-old from Wilder, shot a nine-hole score of 44 to win the Girls 12-and-older tournament.

Wilder 9-year-old Gabriel Mauer fired a 25 to win the five-hole tournament for 8- and 9-year-old boys. Homedale’s Reed Jeppe, 9, was five shots back in second place.

Paige Takasugi, 7, collected a

third championship for Wilder with her two-shot victory over Homedale’s Madison Fisher, another 7-year-old, in the Girls 6-7 three-hole competition. Takasugi won with a 23, which was just one shot off her season-best scored of 22, accomplished on June 9 and June 30.

In the Boys 13-and-older division, Homedale golfers swept the top three spots. Grant Sweet, 14, was medalist with a 39, four shots ahead of Jordan Pegram, 15, and seven shots in front of Mathew Hansen, another 15-year-old.

Tanner Lair, a 12-year-old Homedale resident, carded a 44 to beat Parma’s Ethan Knapp, 12, by three strokes in the Boys 10-12 contest.

Extension office announces demonstration winners

Fifty-five Owyhee County 4-H members presented Agriculture, Miscellaneous, and Family and Consumer Sciences demonstrations on July 19 in Grand View and Marsing. Julie Eiguren, Penny Jones and Marla Hegerhorst judged the demonstrations.

Esteban Lejardi took first place in the Junior I Division (ages 8-9) with a demonstration entitled, “Would You Know a Pig if You Saw One?” Dylan Cady placed second. Some other interesting topics in the Junior I Division included, “Please Pass the Salt & Potassium,” “This Little Piggy Needs a Home,” “Tattoos Parents Approve Of,” “Pig Paradise,” “How to Sheer Sheep” and “Can Ewe Care for a Newborn Lamb?”

Other participants in the Junior I Division were: Wyatt Trautman, Ashley Volkers, Wade Bass, Tristan Hylton, Kenny Harper, Mckenzie Meyers, Kaitlin Erwin, Tyler Jensen, Quincy Pendergrass, Zack Tindall and Heather Morrison.

Deena Emry of the Shoo Fly 4-H Club gave the top demonstration in the Junior II Division (ages 10-11). Wilson Butte 4-H’s Lacey Usabel placed second after demonstrating how to “Halter Your Bovine.” Other excellent demonstrations were given on such topics as “My Lamb Kissed a Frog,” “Makin’ Bacon,” “Where Oh Where Did My Lamb Go?”, “Hey Chick You Need A Bath,” “Did You Say ‘Halter’?” and “How to Properly Prepare Pork Chops.” Other Junior II participants were: Hailey Brisbin, Brittany Rahier, Katie Price, Alexis Ruffing, Sammie Bass, Nicholas Munson, Clay Cantrell, Shad Jensen, Courtney Bennett, Madison Pendergrass, Stephanie Hylton, Austin Meyers, Nathan Elsner and Jordan Jones.

First place in the Intermediate Division (ages 12-14) went to Jackie Thurman from Snake River Livestock in a close contest. Erik Munson took second place with “Hey Bunny, You’re Just My Type.” You may be sorry you missed seeing these demonstrations with topics such as “Lizzie’s in Labor!”,

“The Hitchhiker’s Guide to Swine”, and “Where Did My Pens Go?” Other Intermediate demonstrators were: Tyler Blackstock, Kayla Corbett, Shelby Brown, Anna Cantrell, Bryce Kershner, Ariel Turner, Megan Harper, Kacie Salove, Tad Jones, Josh Prow, Brian Meyers, Samantha Jensen, Reid Hipwell and Tyler Elsner.

Though small in numbers, the Senior Division (ages 15-18) had three good demonstrations on beef steers, sheep, and the show ring. Wilson Butte 4-H’s JD Prow and Michelle Elsner and Bailey Kershner from South Mountain Livestock each gave demonstrations in this division.

In the Family & Consumer Sciences and Miscellaneous Section, there were three participants — all in the Intermediate Division. Alex Meyers gave an informative talk on the history of 4-H. “Cutting and Arranging a Sandwich” was demonstrated by Diana Smith of the Reynolds Creek 4-H Club, and Madison Goff of the Happy Scissors 4-H Club gave a talk on “The History of Levi Strauss.”

Ribbons for these demonstrations were distributed to the club leaders. Trophies for the top demonstrations will be presented at the Owyhee County Fair. In addition, a \$30 cash award, sponsored by Betty Brandau, will be presented to the club with the highest number of total points in all demonstrations and illustrated talks.

The following is the complete list of participants, with place, name, ribbon, points and club affiliation.

Name, Ribbon, Place, Club

JUNIOR I – Ag — 1. Esteban Lejardi, Blue, Shoo Fly; 2. Dylan Cady, Blue, Wilson Butte; 3. Wyatt Trautman, Blue, South Mtn. Livestock; 4. Ashley Volkers, Blue, Wilson Butte; 5. Wade Bass, Blue, Wilson Butte; 6. Tristan Hylton, Blue, Wilson Butte; 7. Kenny Harper, Blue, Shoo Fly; 8. Mckenzie Meyers, Blue, Snake River Livestock; 9. Kaitlin Erwin, Blue, Bruneau Canyon; 10. Tyler Jensen,

Blue, Wilson Butte; 11. Quincy Pendergrass, Blue, Shoo Fly; 12. Zack Tindall, Red, Bruneau Canyon; 13. Healther Morrison, Red, Snake River Livestock

JUNIOR II – Ag — 1. Deena Emry, Blue, Shoo Fly; 2. Lacey Usabel, Blue, Wilson Butte; 3. Hailey Brisbin, Blue, Wilson Butte; 4. Brittany Rahier, Blue, Snake River Livestock; 5. Katie Price, Blue, Shoo Fly; 6. Alexis Ruffing, Red, Snake River Livestock; 7. Sammie Bass, Red, Wilson Butte; 8. Nicholas Munson, Red, 13.6, Owyhee Dairy Goats; 9. Clay Cantrell, Red, 13.6, Snake River Livestock; 10. Shad Jensen, Red, Wilson Butte; 11. Courtney Bennett, Red, Snake River Livestock; 12. Madison Pendergrass, Red, Shoo Fly; 13. Stephanie Hylton, Red, Wilson Butte; 14. Austin Meyers, Red, Snake River Livestock; 15. Nathan Elsner, White, South Mtn. Livestock; 16. Jordan Jones, White, South Mtn. Livestock

INTERMEDIATE – Ag — 1. Jackie Thurman, Blue, Snake River Livestock; 2. Erik Munson, Blue, Owyhee Dairy Goats; 3. Tyler Blackstock, Blue, Wilson Butte; 4. Kayla Corbett, Blue, Scrapbooking Club; 5. Shelby Brown, Blue, Wilson Butte; 6. Anna Cantrell, Blue, Snake River Livestock; 7. Bryce Kershner, Blue, South Mtn. Livestock; 8. Ariel Turner, Blue, Bruneau Canyon 4-H; 9. Megan Harper, Blue, Shoo Fly; 10. Kacie Salove, Blue, Owyhee Gems; 11. Tad Jones, Blue, South Mtn. Livestock; 12. Josh Prow, Red, Wilson Butte; 13. Brian Meyers, Red, Snake River Livestock; 14. Samantha Jensen, Red, Wilson Butte; 15. Reid Hipwell, Red, Snake River Livestock; 16. Tyler Elsner, Red, South Mtn. Livestock

SENIOR – Ag — 1. Bailey Kershner, Blue, South Mtn. Livestock; 2. JD Prow, Blue, Wilson Butte; 3. Michelle Elsner, Blue, South Mtn. Livestock

INTERMEDIATE – Family and Consumer Sciences — 1. Madison Goff, Blue, Happy Scissors; 2. Diana Smith, Blue, Reynolds Creek; 3. Alex Meyers, Red, Snake River Livestock

Shoo-Fly 4-H club news

by Deena Emry

Shoo-Fly club members got together for a meeting on Sunday, July 10. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by club president Steve Williams.

Pledges were led by the Cloverbuds. Roll call was taken, the minutes from the last meeting were read and the treasurer’s report was given.

The following committee reports were also given:

Decorating — Megan Harper talked about the fair theme and their decorating plans.

Community service — Members who missed the Easter Egg community service project could pitch in by either painting the fence at the fairgrounds, a project that took place July 17,

or by distributing fair posters around town.

Scrapbook — Members need to get pictures of themselves and their 4-H project animal to the committee.

Fund-raising — Members will be running the pie and ice cream booth at the fair. Each family should bring three fruit pies for the booth.

Club T-shirts — This year’s T-shirts will be blue with the design on the back and will be ready before the fair.

Leaders said if this is a member’s first time showing a pig, they can watch the swine showmanship contest at the at the Canyon County Fair at 9 a.m. on July 30.

Fair news: As a reminder, all

clubbers will need a portfolio folder for their animal project. The market selling order has changed from last year. Beef will be sold first, then swine and sheep. Fairbooks are out, and members are reminded to make sure they have one to know when events will happen.

Shoo-Fly’s next meeting will be at the end of July.



Assist

Homedale Fire crews assisted Wilder Fire Department with a structure fire on Avenue A in Wilder last week. A 9-year-old girl, Clara Rodriguez, alerted the family to the fire, which burned a shed and damaged a camper at the Dale Kenyon home. She said the fire started in grass around the shed.



Recognized

Lifetime cattle ranchers Marilyn Black and her late husband Asa 'Ace' and Marilyn Black will be the namesakes for a new buckle award developed to honor youth in the Owyhee County 4-H horse programs.

Sheriff's office donates buckle in honor of local ranchers

Owyhee County Sheriff's Office will donate a buckle this year to a deserving boy or girl in the county 4-H horse program in honor of lifetime cattle ranchers Asa "Ace" and Marilyn Black of Bruneau. Ace Black recently passed away from cancer. The purpose of the award is to identify and reward 4-H youth who show promise of being active volunteers and members of the communities and the county. Applications will be taken until Monday, and the award winner will be jointly decided on by one member of the Black family and one member of the sheriff's office. The buckle will be awarded annually during the county horse fair awards ceremony. Because of timing, the award may need to be ordered after this year's fair. Ace and Marilyn Black were active members of 4-H groups, and Marilyn was a horse leader

for the Bruneau Sage Riders for 20 years. She also served as a superintendent for a decade. To be eligible, a child must be an active member of a county 4-H horse club, must be in the senior division, must have completed at lease three 4-H horse project years, must have completed a short essay on how they plan to help their community in their adult life, must have recommendations from a 4-H leader, a parent or guardian and one other adult who has worked with the applicant in a volunteer position. Candidates must complete and return by the application deadline. Funds to buy the buckle will come from the Child Safety Fund, which was set up with the DARE program. County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said that judges sometimes authorize money from warrant orders be deposited into the fund.



New board

The Bruneau-Grand View district clerk swore into office two new school board members last week. Pictured are new chairman Jeff Knight, , new vice chairperson Dixie Black and trustees Ray Meyers, Stacey Buckingham and Howard Field.

Bruneau-Grand View board swears in trustees

School board begins rebuilding process

Two new school board members were sworn in as trustees last week in the Bruneau-Grand View School District. Now community members hope that the district will be able to begin a rebuilding process after several years of conflict within the district. Within the last school year, a trustee has been recalled, a principal has quit and the district's superintendent has resigned, leaving many administration positions open. Since then, a trustee has been appointed, two principals have been hired and the superintendent has been replaced. Last week, trustees Raymond Meyers and Howard Field were sworn into office. Meyers defeated

Jo King in an election held in May and Field defeated Darrel Agenbroad the district's chairman in the same election. Shortly after the election, Bruneau principal Rich Henderson submitted a letter of resignation and shortly after him, superintendent Dallas Taylor called it quits. Now Bruneau's former art teacher, Don Collins will replace Henderson and Rimrock High School principal Vicky Chandler will replace Taylor. Last week, Phil McCluskey was hired to replace Chandler. Collins will be a part-time principal and a part-time art teacher. Following the swearing in ceremony, Jeff Knight was elected as the new board chairman and Dixie Black was elected as the vice chair. Public places for posting of public notices were selected and will be the administrative office in Grand View, Bruneau Elementary

School, Grand View Elementary School and Rimrock Junior-Senior High School. Meetings will be held on Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. at Rimrock school, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. at Bruneau Elementary, Jan. 26 at Grand View Elementary, Feb. 9, March 16, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, June 15 for the budget hearing and on July 20 for the annual meeting. Jolene Wilkinson from Mountain Home was hired as a part time physical education teacher and a part time health teacher. She is a first year teacher and received her master's degree from Arizona. Kristen Olson from Mountain Home was hired as a third grade elementary teacher for Grand View Elementary School.

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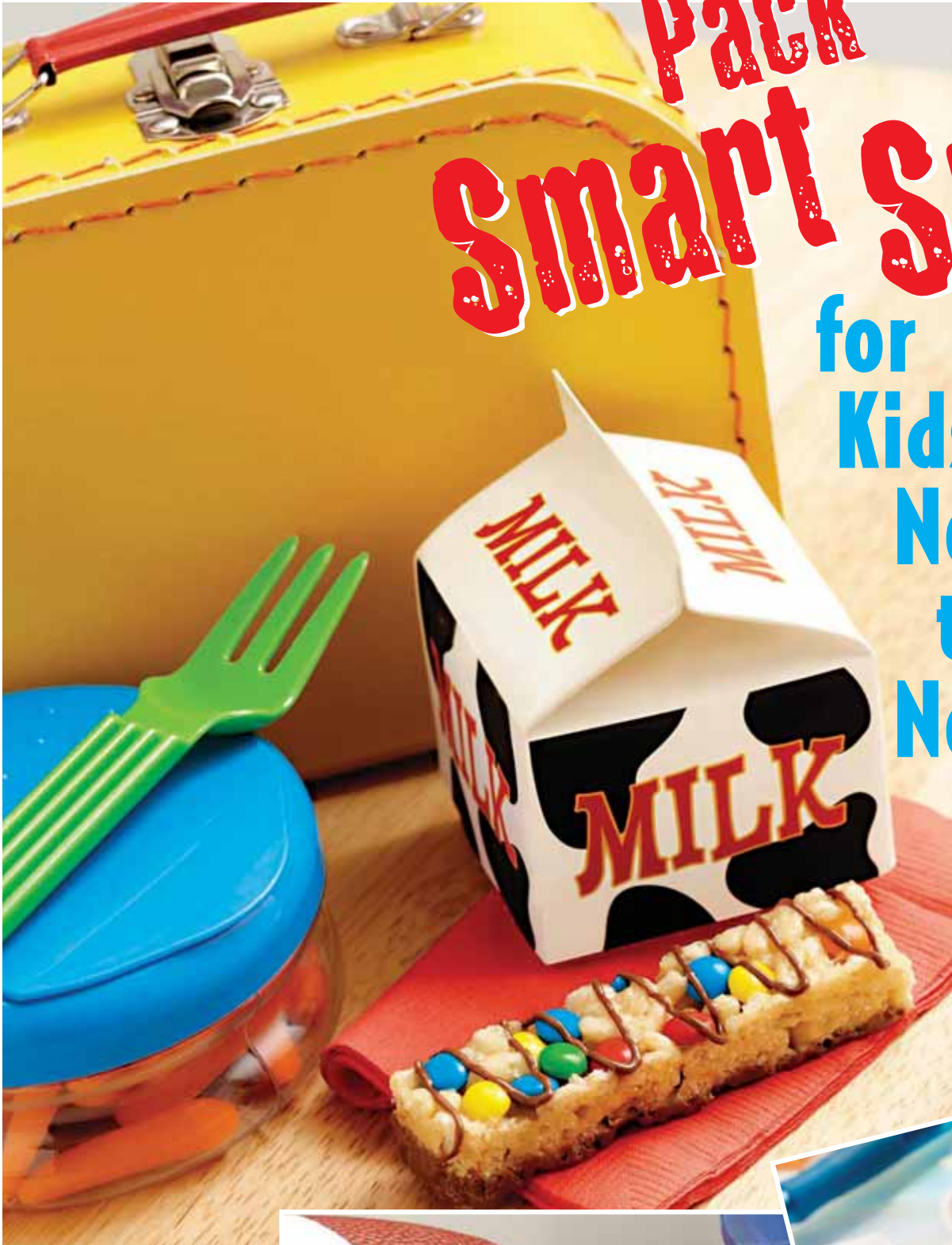


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Pack Smart Snacks for Kids' Need to Nosh

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Are you a mom on the front lines of the snack challenge? Kids and moms often disagree on what makes a smart snack when packing back-to-school lunches. Be a winner by serving snacks that strike a balance between “tastes great!” and “good for you.”

Balance is the key to smart snacking: Find foods that both taste good and make you feel good, and fit snacks into an overall balanced daily diet.

Kudos Milk Chocolate Granola Bars offer wholesome granola nutrition as an excellent source of calcium with great taste. With a perfect balance between pleasure and goodness, this granola bar makes an excellent choice for mothers who like to give their kids a little something extra. Available in chocolate chip and peanut butter flavors, the non-chocolate-enrobed varieties contain only 100 calories per serving. This delicious snack also is available in a Snickers and M&M’S variety. And if you’re following the Weight Watchers POINTS plan, you’ll be glad to know these bars count for only two points.

Stacking up smart snacks

Depending upon their age, size and amount of physical activity, kids may need a snack every few hours. Whether you’re packing their lunch, letting them choose an after-school snack or helping them make smart choices at the supermarket, here are some tips for smart parents and savvy kids:

- Take your kids shopping and let them help you choose snacks that they’ll enjoy.
- Create an “approved snack” place in the kitchen, such as a cupboard that kids can access safely at snack time.
- Put snack foods where kids can reach them. Keep foods that are only for occasional treats in less convenient and hard-to-reach places.
- Buy food in single-serving packaging for grab ‘n’ go snacking.
- Choose snacks from all the food groups. For greatest variety, try to incorporate whole grains, vegetables, cheese, yogurt or beans into kids’ snack-eating plans.
- Include sweet snack choices that you can feel good about serving to your kids, like fruit or granola bars.



Model good habits: Monkey see, monkey do!

Children learn their habits by watching others. Parents: Examine your food choices and lifestyle habits to make sure you send a healthy message to your kids for making food decisions. Following are some tips from the American Dietetic Association for a healthy school year:

- **Keep a regular meal schedule.** When meals aren’t regular or are missed, children tend to snack more throughout the day and so are less hungry at mealtimes.
- **Empower your kids.** Involve kids in planning meals and snacks. Let your kids try new foods, without forcing or bribing them.
- **Don’t skip breakfast.** Breakfast provides much of the day’s nourishment and energy for active kids. Studies have shown that breakfast can help children perform at peak capacity in the classroom.
- **Eat as a family.** Aim for all family members to eat together at least once a day. Cook fast and eat slowly, allowing time for you to pay attention to your meal and to each other.
- **Diversify your menu.** Balance meals with a wide selection of kid-pleasing choices from all food groups.
- **Snacks can be healthy.** Snacks can supply nutrition that may be missing from the rest of the day’s meals. Offer snacks at least two hours before meals so kids will be hungry at mealtime.
- **No food is taboo.** Prohibiting candy, fast food or other high-calorie snack foods makes these items seem very desirable. If you allow them occasionally, they lose their strong appeal.

Fitness is child's play

For good health, kids need to move! But today, too many don’t get enough activity, spending hours in sedentary pursuits in front of the TV and computer monitor. Inactivity is a factor in the rise of childhood obesity, which can place kids at risk for serious disease.

By motivating children to be active and providing a well-balanced diet, parents can help kids maintain a healthy weight, improve overall health and well-being, and develop good eating and exercise habits that last a lifetime. Remember that healthful eating and being active are key components of a healthy lifestyle!

- **Do as I do.** Be a role model! If you’re involved in a physical activity that you enjoy, you’re showing your child that exercise is a priority. Whether you enjoy kite-flying or in-line skating as a family, or simply go for walks or ride bikes, it’s the example you’re setting that will motivate your kids.
- **Daily dose.** Most kids need at least an hour of activity every day. Make sure they get the opportunity to do chores around the house, walk the dog, wash the car and take part in other everyday activities — they won’t realize they’re exercising!
- **Team up.** Give kids the opportunity to exercise their interest in a team sport, or in an individual sport like swimming, gymnastics, tennis or track.
- **Turn off the electronics.** Replace sedentary pastimes with nature walks, a game of catch or even indoor activities like hide-and-seek.
- **Purposeful play.** As appropriate, encourage kids to participate in group or individual activities for a cause, such as shoveling snow or mowing grass for elderly neighbors, sponsoring a car wash or walking to raise money for charity.



Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

50 years ago

July 28, 1955

Seven girls competing for queen of county fair; contest closes August 19

The contest for fair queen commenced Wednesday evening when the seven entrants received their tickets at a meeting at the city park. The candidates and their sponsors were introduced by Vic Uria, chairman, as follows: Bonnie Schott, daughter of Mrs. Jewel Scott, sponsored by the Homedale Rebekahas; Patty Bergeson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bergeson, sponsored by the B.P.W.; Judy Dobbins, Marsing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dobbins, sponsored by the Wo He Lo club of Marsing; Colleen Tolmie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tolmie, sponsored by the St. Hubert's Altar society; Lita Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Benson, sponsored by Wilson Community; Nancy Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Parker, sponsored by Job's Daughters and Margaret Uria, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Uria, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The queen will be crowned during the parade Saturday, August 20, by Major General Walsh, Boise, and will be presented the cedar chest on display at the Idaho Power office as a gift from the fair board. All candidates will be the queen's attendants and will ride in separate convertibles in the parade.

Hotshots lose to Payette 15-3

The Homedale Hotshots lost their home game with Payette Friday night 15-3.

Barber hit a homer in the sixth for Payette with two men on.

Krzesnik hit a homer for Homedale in the eighth inning with two on for the Hotshots only scoring.

The wind was blowing and it was storming, making a miserable night to play ball.

It took 11 innings to gain an 8-7 victory Wednesday night at the Wilder field when the Hotshots played Wieser. Homedale had only three base hits.

Homedale's next game will be Tuesday night at Wilder with Emmett. Thursday, August 4, Wilder and Homedale will play a double header at the Wilder field to make up for the game rained out in the first half schedule of the Border league.

News about town

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nishimoto, Sacramento, Calif., returned Monday to their home after a visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Uda.

Carol E. Gough and Mr. Gough's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gough and son Bob who arrived Wednesday, July 20, from Los Angeles, Calif, spent Sunday at McCall. The visiting Goughs will spend a couple of weeks with the Carol Goughs and also relatives at Parma.

The T. C. Drums entertained the Dorwin Drums and Max Orrs with a hamburger fry Wednesday evening July 20.

Charles Sedas visited Sunday with their son Bryce and family at Mtn. Home. On their way home they stopped at Kuna to call on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krshka.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jackson returned Saturday from a ten day trip in California and Mexico. They took a 3,000 mile tour into California to San Diego and into Tijuana, Mexico. They returned along the coast to San Francisco, Calif., and Crater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Murray and Sandra of Caldwell, called on A/1c and Mrs. Max Orr and Wathena Tuesday, July 19. A/1c and Mrs. Orr and daughter left last Thursday for Tacoma, Wash., to resume duty with the air force. On their way they stopped at Richland where Wenona Drum works and she accompanied them on to Tacoma for the week end.

Margaret Watterson, Moses Lake, Wash., called on Mrs. Marvin Friel Friday noon.

Evie Olsen and Mrs. Nancy Weaver attend the Snake River Stampede at Nampa Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Friel called on the Ed Obendorfs at Parma Sunday evening.

138 years ago

July 27, 1867

DIED. Mr. McKnight, a man aged about fifty years, died at the Miner's Hotel, in Silver, on the morning of the 22d inst., from the effects of wounds in the leg, which he received in a fight with the Indians, May 6th, about four miles south of Reynolds Creek. It will be remembered by the readers of the Avalanche that he and Mr. Polk went out alone to hunt Indians, and had a desperate fight in the rocks, in which both were wounded – McKnight, as the sequel proved, mortally.

We have endeavored to obtain some information of the deceased, but cannot even learn his given name nor the place of his nativity. He adds one more to the long list of victims of the Indians. He was a hard working man and pioneer settler and died poor. Should the intelligence of his death and the cause of it ever reach his friends they will probably think that if Indian Commissioner Taylor – at Washington stead, the loss to society in general would have been less.

THERE HAVE BEEN some notable transactions in mining stocks and feet here this week. W. B. Crane has purchased one hundred and eighty shares of Morning Star & Oro Fino stock from Ben Bernstein and both parties are pleased with the transaction – it being an exchange of real estate in Silver for an interest in the Company aforesaid. The Oro Fino mine has lately been yielding ore of a high grade, and the clean up this week was better than any previous one this year.

The Pauper ledge, recently struck, is creating some sensation in mining circles. A conditional sale of seven hundred and fifty feet has been made for \$12,000. The purchasers have paid \$1,000 cash, and after the expiration of a stated period are to pay the balance or forfeit that already paid. A force of men were put to work on Wednesday to prove it up by actual development. The purchasers are men of capital and intend business.

David S. Meeks and partner have sold their interest in the Baxter for a substantial sum in cash, and the buyers are to complete the contract of sinking the balance of one hundred feet. We learn that Mr. John Cattelov and C. C. Johnson are the purchaser, and they know what they are buying and intend to proceed with work more vigorously than otherwise could have been done.

In Flint, the prospects are surely brightening. Mr. Chas Liebenau has just made a very successful run of Leviathan ore in Black's Mill. Of course the loss in working was considerable more than it should have been, but a point has been established in that it is proven that they ore can be worked with the machinery at hand at a large profit. Mr. L. intends to start up the mine gain and take out ore right along. This is sufficient of itself to show his entire confidence in the Leviathan, for something over a hundred tuns is now on the yard – from which he has made his trials. The mine is bonded to San Francisco men – representatives of whom will be in camp about the time this article is before our readers.

CLEANING UP. In Blue and Jacob's Gulches the placer miners are engaged in cleaning up the ground over which they have worked since the flow of water in the spring, and so far as we can learn with large pay. Very good wages can be made in either gulch by washing with sluices and even rockers, but the miners prefer to go after it with hydraulic power in the early part of the season and spend the latter part in cleaning up the bedrock and putting everything in the most advantageous shape for another season's operations.

An interest in the celebrated Bell claims is now for sale at a very low figure, as Mr. John Bell is desirous of returning to his family in California. He offers most desirable placer mining and water interest at a figure which must prove a very profitable investment to the buyer. If anybody wants further evidence on this matter just go over to Jacobs's Gulch and Mr. Bell will give it.

MILLS IN OPERATION. There are now in constant operation the Owyhee, Cosmos and Morning Star Mills, and the Webfoot most of the time. The Owyhee will have its addition of six pans completed by the middle of next month, which will give constant employment to the mill's twenty stamps, which added to the others named will make over forty stamps nearly certain to be in continual action, besides as many more of which there is reasonable hope to believe will be supplied with ore and be stamping out bullion and making business before the year closes.

THE "ENTERPRISE ARASTRAR" below Ruby has been running day and night for several weeks – managed by Messrs. Cohn & Dockum. They are now receiving rock from the "Little Giant" ledge, lying parallel with the near to the Oro Fino.

WEATHER was neglected last week by the Avalanche, though it deserved a pretty notice. On the 17th inst. It snowed very enthusiastically much of the day, and in the evening the surrounding mountain peaks were clad in a thin envious attire. The early part of this week partook liberally of summer, while yesterday was by no means oppressive with heat.

THE PROSPECTORS who went to the sources of the Owyhee in the early part of this moth have returned after an absence of about three weeks. They report having found gold but not in quantities which is liable to produce a general stampede. Though parties will pay the section another visit this summer. One of the party just returned informs us a little gold was found in all the dirt and gravel from the surface to the bedrock, but the diggings were full of large boulders and scarcely any timber in the surrounding country, and what there is, of too small growth to make lumber. The location of the section visited is about one hundred miles a little south of east of Silver.

The men met with no Indians, but saw signs of their presence at various point not too long ago.

MR. CORP informs us that the Potosi Company has made arrangements to have fifty or more tuns of Potosi ore crushed in the Minear Mill and that it will probably be commenced the ensuing week.

At a depth of fifty feet the water became troublesome in the shaft, and sinking stopped and levels started. We understand the ledge to be gaining in width.

The New York & Oro Fino Mill has been making a trial of Baxter, and we learn will be employed upon it regularly after next Monday, but Mr. John Cattelov, half owner in the mine.

GAME. Within the past week, we have noticed huntsmen bringing into town venison, sage hens and mountain trout. The steams are reported to be alive with finny game and deer and sage hens plentiful in the mountains. Many Silverites have been enjoying a successful fishing and hunting excursion lately. The young crop of sage hens is now of the right age to be coveted by all lovers of delicate food.

THE SILVER CITY GUARDS have determined on a parade, target excursion and ball next Thursday and evening. A general invitation is extended to attend the ball. All bands are invited, and those who attend are assured of an equal share in the dance.

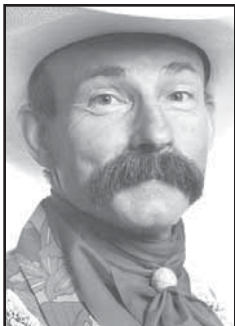
The Guards will present the best shootist with a neatly engraved silver medal with a suitable inscription.

REPORTED. Col. Davis and O. A. Palmer reported as ordered by the Board of Commissioners on the cost and value of the road from the Cosmos to the Minear Mill, and say the distance is one hundred and eighty two-rods, which is worth five dollars per rod – therefore valued at nine hundred and ten dollars.

NEW POTATOES are retailing in the market at eights cents per pound.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

Palmetto predicament

I remember the first time I ever went to Florida. It was in the cow country around Wachula that I first saw Palmetto. Copses of palm trees, cypress and yellow pine stood like islands in a sea of green grass. The hammocks, as the locals called the “islands,” were carpeted with low-lying exotic-looking jagged-leaved plants. From a distance, it appeared to be professionally landscaped. Palmetto, they said.

I was reminded of that day last winter when a visitor stared out on a flat Arizona desert pasture packed paddle-to-paddle, joint-to-joint with prickly pear and cholla. He remarked that it looked like a Xeriscaped garden featured in Arizona Highways magazine. But, as any cow, cowboy or horse can tell you, a chase through a cholla forest is akin to being attacked by an army of maddened kindergarten teachers armed with staple guns!

I learned later after chasing a cow through the Palmetto that it, too, is not as innocent as brushing up against a feather boa. It grows in giant clumps of tangly roots and stems. Rough and hard as cottonwood bark, big as small culverts with stiff, sharp, spiny sawtooth leaves. Riding through it can be compared to tip-toeing through a bed of petrified sewer pipe all wrapped in porcupine coats.

Palmetto are very difficult plants to eradicate, as my friend Henry confirmed. In an effort to improve the value of his house in town, Henry decided that a lawn in back would be a nice place to entertain friends. Certainly, when compared to its present moonscape/landfill motif that featured ragweed, a dead plum tree sapling and the engine block off his '73 Dodge pickup.

His county agent suggested an initial fertilizing and roto-tilling. Thrifty Henry made arrangements with the local feed lot to simply wash out three livestock trailers in his backyard. The deed was done. Three loads of 200 wt. 3-year-olds from the Everglades were unloaded at the feedlot and the trailers hosed out in Henry's yard. Apparently the calves had been eating Palmetto seeds.

By June, Henry's yard looked like a pineapple field. By July, a tequila plantation. In August, a green oil refinery! Henry fought back with weed-eaters, tin snips, machetes, chain saws, Spanish goats, backhoes, spray planes, dynamite and nuclear weapons. For three years, he tried to beat back the green tsunami that threatened to overtake his home. Finally he sold it to a snowbird from Chicago who covered the whole backyard with a net and built a parrot sanctuary.

In our innocence, we see beauty in the world around us. Just last week, a lady in town remarked on the beauty of the tall purple-plumed plants blooming in the bar ditch on the way to town. Russian Thistle, I explained.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



Cats were an integral part of farm life when I was a kid. You didn't have to buy cats. They just showed up. If they liked you, they hung around. If they could find a better deal at another farm, they left.

The cat count on our farm jumped around considerably. Sometimes there were 20 or more felines in the vicinity. But whenever it got too crowded, a disease we called the “cat flu” surfaced and wiped out all but a few. But by the following year we had plenty of cats again.

Farm cats were tough. They liked to prowl the fields when the farmers were cutting the hay. The harvest stirred up the field mice and made for easy pickings for the cats. Unfortunately, the mouse hunters sometimes became so engrossed in their work that they forgot the tractor was pulling a mowing machine with an 8-foot arm covered with razor-sharp blades. There were always a few of kitties wandering around missing legs or tails or ears. Sometime the injuries were pretty gory. But farm cats are great healers. Within a few weeks, the amputees had adapted to their losses and were back in the fields looking for more mice. Several cats usually disappeared during haying season. Sometimes they showed up during the winter — in newly opened hay bales.

For nearly a decade, most of the cats on our farm were the product of one female feline, appropriately called “Mamma Kitty.” Mamma Kitty was a kitten-making machine. She always was pregnant.

Mamma Kitty was coal black. Apparently, that color gene is dominant because nearly every one of her kittens was black, too. And she produced a lot of 'em. At high tide of the Mamma Kitty era, black cats all over the place. If there were any truth to the superstition that black cats are bad luck, every building on the farm would have burned down.

Our farm was the black cat capital of Idaho because Dad was a soft touch. Every morning and evening when

we milked the cows, he splashed about a pint of moo juice into an old enamel washbasin. Within seconds, the pan was surrounded with black cats and kittens jockeying for position.

Midnight was a different farm cat.

Midnight was from one of Mamma Kitty's early litters. He could be identified from all the other black cats by a single patch of white on his throat.

Midnight was downright personable. If you encountered him in the farmyard, he always took time to say “hello” and rub against your leg. He even allowed himself to be picked up.

Midnight was more independent than most of the farm cats. Instead of hanging around the barn, waiting for milk, he prowled the nearby field looking for mice. He apparently was very good at his work because he always was much fatter and sleeker than his brothers and sisters and cousins.

Midnight was an institution. That's why I was upset when I looked out on the highway one morning and spotted a dead black cat on the centerline. A closer examination revealed the male was larger than most of our cats, had a sleek black coat and a white spot on his throat. It was obvious that Midnight had made his last nocturnal prowling.

I got on the phone and relayed the news to several of my neighborhood playmates who were Midnight admirers. We decided a cat of his stature deserved a funeral.

We solemnly placed Midnight on a cardboard litter and carried him to a grave we prepared in Mother's iris bed. We placed him gently in the hole and filled it with dirt.

I was preparing to deliver the eulogy when one of the mourners gave a startled shout and pointed. Midnight strolled up to see what was going on. He rubbed against my leg as if to apologize for being late for the ceremony.

He ruined a great speech.

Property rights

U.S. Supreme Court ruling an outrageous decision

by Rep. C.L. “Butch” Otter

As Americans were celebrating the 229th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, an assault on another of our founding documents was capturing the nation's attention. It was neither foreign enemy nor insurgent force threatening the most precious and cherished piece of our political heritage; it was a 5-4 majority of the United States Supreme Court.

The justices ruled on June 23 that a simple 12-word phrase in the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution — which was pointedly intended to limit the new national government's power over the people — actually grants government nearly unfettered authority to strip citizens of their homes, farms and businesses.

It ranks among history's most outrageous examples of constitutional revisionism.

The Fifth Amendment states, in part, “nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.” Those words were carefully chosen for clarity and precision. They speak to a principle understood well by landowners and government officials alike — including judges — for centuries. “Eminent domain” has served our republic well as an important but carefully used tool with which governments extend the benefits of



C.L. “Butch” Otter

the social contract through construction of roads, bridges and other public works.

Now Justices Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer and Kennedy have decided we had it wrong all that time. They concluded the Framers must have intended “public use” to include “economic development” — essentially shifting the idea of “public use” to the more expansive “public benefit.” While that might seem subtle, what it does is empower government to take private property for any other use that it determines to be more profitable or productive, or that simply will generate more public revenue — taxes.

The immediate murmur of shocked criticism in response to the court's ruling in *Kelo v. City of New London* has turned into a cacophony of public concern and official consternation as people realize the implications: No one is safe.

As Justice Sandra Day O'Connor put it succinctly in her sharply worded dissent, “The specter of condemnation hangs over all property, nothing is to prevent the state from replacing any Motel 6 with a Ritz-Carlton, any home with a shopping mall, or any farm with a factory.”

The leaders of New London, Conn., almost certainly would have failed if the land in question had been the habitat of an endangered plant or animal rather than a neighborhood of working-class people unwilling to give up their homes for a private development that

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Commentary

Letters to the editor

Time is right for upgrade of Marsing water system

One undisputed fact about the City of Marsing is that the water quality is poor. Also, the infrastructure of the entire water system does not meet even the most nominal demands for water quantity. As a result, fire protection is severely degraded.

Mayor Don Osterhoudt and the City Council are proposing that the citizens of Marsing pass a bond that would enable the city of borrow the money necessary to drill a new well, install a pressure system, treat the water to remove contaminants and to provide a large storage tank. In addition, water lines would be enlarged to provide fire flows necessary to support modern fire fighting equipment and to help keep insurance costs down.

The citizens of Marsing should vote to pass this bond. There are several reasons. First and foremost, Marsing has a Mayor who is a leader and he has a City Council that has demonstrated a fine ability to be fiscally responsible. Simply put, the voters have put a splendid team in office for a project such as this. Secondly, Marsing has an excellent city engineer in Amy Woodruff from Civil Dynamics, P. C. and she will work in conjunction with Tim Farrell whose firm, SPF Water Engineering, LLC will lend their support. I have had the privilege of working with these engineers on other projects and I can say that Marsing would have great difficulty finding better ones.

The money to finance this project will be in the form of loans with some grants. With prevailing interest rates, now is a good time to borrow the money. Still, our city administration should pursue additional grants diligently and at every opportunity.

Everyone wants to be able to draw a clear, clean glass of water from our taps. Can this project fail to provide this? Of course it can because it is complex. But, with the people in charge that we have and the equipment that is now available, the chances of success are great. All things considered, now is the time to try.

Roy E. Herman
Marsing

Marsing water solution must be affordable

I attended the Marsing Mayor and City Council “Water Bond Information Meeting” on July 14 to see if a more economical and down-sized water system plan had been developed for the new bond issue, but NO! It is still the same elaborate water system they tried to sell us in January. The people spoke: The Feb. 2 election resulted in a defeat of 76-42.

The city administration seems to be obsessed with the city engineer’s water system plan, no matter what the cost, and will not entertain other alternatives. And, this is the plan they are going to try to force the citizens of Marsing to accept on Aug. 2.

I know Marsings’s water system needs upgrades, but it does not need to be completely replaced: Parts of the system are all right and can be replaced at a later date as funds become available. We sure don’t need each water subscriber to be burdened with an obligation of approximately \$6,000, so they can tear the whole system out and start over from scratch.

The city engineer has gone to some effort to develop this water plan, but it is not economically practical. Marsing just cannot afford it. The plan must be downsized to fit the citizens of Marsing’s pocketbooks. Believe me, if this new water bond passes, you will see another water rate increase. This rate increase could be significant if we have any major cost overruns, (remember the sewer treatment bond? That was a major cost overrun). We still have the same city administration and engineer giving us estimates for construction costs — so how large will these cost overruns be?

I don’t have the space to elaborate further, but I do urge each of you to vote “No” on Aug. 2, 2005. Let the city administration know for the second time, we want an improved water system — but one we can afford.

Wallace Moore
Marsing

Yes vote on Marsing water bond will save money

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, the mayor and city council of Marsing are asking its citizens to make a decision about the future of our city by voting on a “water bond.” Although I live a mile outside the city limits of Marsing and, therefore, can’t vote in the upcoming bond election, I do own and operate a business in town and pay city taxes and a water bill. What happens to the city in the future has a significant impact on my future.

The past two weeks, the mayor and the city council have held meetings to provide information and answer questions about the proposed bond. They were very informative, well-conducted meetings. I congratulate the mayor and city council on giving the citizens such a great opportunity to get informed.

In sitting through both of those meetings and listening to the presentations as well as the questions asked, there are some points I would like to share with those who were unable to attend.

Yes, \$2.5 million is a lot of money by any standards, but in today’s world that is not an unreasonable figure. Bruneau is currently spending approximately \$1 million on their water system, and Marsing is several times larger.

The issue was raised repeatedly as to what options were considered. Several major options were looked at, including locating a new well and/or facilities at the ION site, the current Canyon County site or the current site “on the hill” here in town. The site here in town was selected based on the fact that it would between \$250,000 and \$650,000 less than the other options. Of course, other options beyond those are possible, but any other option is going to have to include property acquisition along with all the costs of investigating and analyzing those options. We could analyze ourselves right into bankruptcy! The range of options was well thought-out and reasonable and they have selected the one that gives us the most bang for our buck.

The fact was raised that we have a lot of people on fixed incomes living in Marsing. There’s no denying that. But there’s also no denying that we have a water system headed toward failure and, in fact, is already in failure because it can’t supply the flows required by Idaho law to fight fires. As testified to by our own fire department, this will very likely show up in our insurance rates as soon as we have another state inspection. Would it be any cheaper to pay higher insurance rates and still have a failing water system? In large part, we are already paying for the new water system with the rate increase we’ve had. It is projected to cost the average home in Marsing another dollar and some-odd cents if this bond passes.

To fail the bond again will not make the problem go away; we will still have an inadequate water system. To fail the bond again will not make the project any cheaper; it will make it more expensive. We have already lost \$150,000 in grant money, not to mention escalating construction costs due to fuel, steel and concrete prices. Let’s not make that mistake again. Let’s take a positive step toward the future of our city and approve the bond election.

Chris Salove
Marsing
Owner, Marsing Hardware

Owyhee Initiative helps protect our property rights

Over the years, Owyhee Country citizens have been subjected to numerous attacks on their private property rights and forced to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars attempting to protect those rights.

While it is necessary to defend against these ongoing attacks, it is equally important to support actions that protect property rights. I am thinking specifically of the Owyhee Initiative in this respect. The primary reason that I am

supporting the Owyhee Initiative is because of the recognition of and protection of private property rights in the Initiative.

I would encourage all who value protecting property rights and want to preserve the economic base of Owyhee County to convey their support of the Owyhee Initiative to Sens. Crapo and Craig, along with Congressman Otter.

Tim Lowry
Pleasant Valley

✓ Otter

the city determined would provide a greater public benefit.

Each state constitution, including Idaho’s, imposes restrictions on the power of eminent domain. Some are more specific than the Fifth Amendment’s reference to “public use.” Idaho, for instance, limits the state’s condemnation authority to land for projects necessary to “complete development of the material resources of the state, or the preservation of the health of its inhabitants ...”

However, each state constitution is required to fall within the essential principle that government is subordinate and accountable to the individual citizen, not the other way around.

Put more simply, our constitutions are designed to ensure that government remains the servant, not the master.

The Supreme Court has turned that principle on its head. John Adams and James Madison, two of our Founding Fathers, knew such a power grab was possible. They warned against it.

“The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God ... anarchy and tyranny commence,” Adams said. “Property must be secured or liberty cannot exist.”

“That is not a just government, nor is property secure under it, where the property which a man has in his personal safety and personal liberty is violated by arbitrary

seizures of one class of citizens for the service of the rest,” Madison said.

That’s why they insisted on the clear, straightforward words “public use” in the Fifth Amendment. Everyone understood what it meant; there was no disagreement or confusion.

Now we find ourselves with a narrow majority on the highest court in the land willing to simply erase the foundation of our freedom and prosperity, and the beacon of individual liberty that has drawn generations to our shores.

It is unthinkable that the Framers of a Constitution designed to “secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity” would intend that private property be subject to government confiscation — and confiscation it is, for how can “just compensation” be possible when government wields the power to define “public use” so broadly?

This is not a class issue. This is not a partisan issue. This is a question of the most fundamental importance to America’s future, and one on which none of us can afford to be what Thomas Paine called “sunshine patriots.”

That’s why I am proud to be an original co-sponsor of legislation to address the very real and imminent threat of government overreaching raised by *Kelo v. City of New London*. Rest assured, it will be my highest priority.

— C.L. “Butch” Otter (R-Idaho) is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Commentary

Property rights

Court’s decision imperils one of our fundamental rights

by State Sen. Skip Brandt

The right to protect and control one’s home and property is an original and essential tenet of our free society. In 1763 — when the flames of revolution were beginning to burst, William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, decried in a speech to the House of Lords, that: “The poorest man may in his cottage bid defiance to all the force of the crown. It may be frail; its roof may shake; the wind may blow through it; the storms may enter, the rain may enter. But the King of England cannot enter; all his forces dare not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement.” As early as 1798, the Supreme Court in institutionalized these rights by declaring that one of the “great first principles of the social compact” is that a government cannot “take property from A and give it to B” — calling



Skip Brandt

such a move “against all reason and justice.” On June 23, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a stunning 5-4 decision in *Kelo vs. City of New London* that eviscerates this foundational principle and will have major implications for property owners throughout Idaho and the U.S. — particularly for farmers and small property owners. With a single stroke, the Court essentially traded away long established rights for the proverbial pot of porridge — holding that the town of New London, Conn., could exercise its “eminent domain” powers to bulldoze several waterfront homes occupied by multi-generation owners and give the land to a massive pharmaceutical company to construct an “urban village” complete with a \$300 million corporate facility.

The majority opinion’s feeble rationale was that because the corporation would provide more tax revenue for the city than the current owners, the city was justified in entitling the corporation the property as a “legitimate public use.” A far cry from the intention of our Founding Fathers, this hallmark decision grants the government unlimited power to seize private property from one owner and transfer it to another, so long as the government indicates the new use will, as dissenting Justice Sandra Day O’Connor put it, “generate some secondary benefit for the public — such as increased tax revenue, more jobs, maybe even aesthetic pleasure.” For farmers and small property owners who reside near rapidly developing cities, it is a startling warning that their property and perhaps their livelihood could be taken from them to fit the whims of large and powerful corporations that wage their

influence on city and state governments. Probably aware of the outcry this decision was likely to cause, the Court did allude to an option that would exempt property owners from this new vulnerability of their rights. This “out” will require swift and appropriate action from the State Legislature — which I have already started to pursue. The Court indicated that the states maintain the right to narrowly define the characteristics of public use under its eminent domain powers. I am not going to stand idly by while judges running amok further erode the property rights of our citizens. My plan is twofold: 1) On Day 1 of the 2006 Idaho legislative session, I will introduce legislation that will define public use and limit the power of eminent domain as intended by our Founders. 2) If elected as Idaho’s next 1st District U.S. Representative, I will join with the other valiant property right defenders such as Rep. Richard

Pombo (R-Calif.) to turn back the judicial tide against our sacred rights. Notwithstanding the overexertion of control that has been foisted upon us by unelected judges, we must never forget that the true “power of the people” still resides with our elected representatives — but only if they have the will and determination to exercise that power. If there is ever a time for both the Idaho State Legislature and U.S. Congress to act to protect the rights of its citizens, it is to nullify the dreadful decision of *Kelo vs. City of New London*. — R. Skipper “Skip” Brandt (R-Kooskia) is the state senator from District 8.

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Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 28, 2005, at the hour of eleven o’clock a.m. of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:
See attached Exhibit “A”
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 12601 ROCKY TOP LANE, MELBA, IDAHO, may sometimes be associated with said real property.
Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JEFF E. THIES, an unmarried person, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP., successor by merger to THE AMERICAN LAND

TITLE CO., INC., as Trustee, and JOHN H. HAMMOND and NELL HAMMOND, husband and wife, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on August 19, 1996, as Instrument No. 219634, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was assigned to HOPKINS MORTGAGE FUND, L.L.C., a Limited Liability Company, “as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series “A” Debenture Holders,” by an Assignment of Deed of Trust and Endorsement of Promissory Note dated June 7, 2001, and recorded on June 8, 2001, as Instrument No. 236124, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.
The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated August 15, 1996, in the amount of \$342.98 per month, including both principal and interest, for March 2005 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges in the amount of \$50.00 per month for March 2005 and each month thereafter until paid, plus a property tax advance in the amount of \$255.00, plus any other charges lawfully due under

the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.
The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$19,518.50 in principal, plus accrued interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from March 9, 2005, plus a property tax advance in the amount of \$255.00, plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.
Dated this 21 day of June, 2005.
WILLIAM R. SNYDER & ASSOCIATES
A Professional Association
By: s.s/Mark D. Perison, of the Firm Attorneys for Trustee Mark D. Perison
William R. Snyder & Associates, P.A.
P.O. Box 2338
Boise, ID 83701-2338
(208) 336-9080
Exhibit A
Parcel I:
A parcel of land being a portion of the West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at an aluminum cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 14, also, said aluminum cap being the REAL

POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along the Westerly boundary of said West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14,
South 00° 37’50” West 333.99 feet to an iron pin; thence
South 89° 16’37” East 663.50 feet to an iron pin; thence
North 00° 39’50” East 333.70 feet to an iron pin on the Northerly boundary of said West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14; thence along said Northerly boundary North 89° 15’07” West (formerly South 89° 14’45” East) 663.70 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.
SUBJECT TO A ROAD EASEMENT being 25.00 feet left of and 25.00 feet right of the following described centerline lying in the West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian;
Beginning at an aluminum cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 14; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Section 14
South 00° 37’50” West 276.00 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence
North 42° 18’04” East 129.10 feet to a point of curve; thence along a curve to the left 202.53 feet, said curve having a radius of 381.30 feet a central angle 30° 26’02”, tangents of 103.72 feet and a long chord of 200.16 feet bearing
North 27° 05’03” East, to a

point on the Northerly boundary of said Section 14, said point being the POINT OF ENDING of the above described Road Easement, also said point being
South 89° 15’07” East 175.00 feet from said Northwest corner of Section 14.
Subject to a Road Easement being the Easterly 25.00 feet of the above described parcel.
Parcel II:
A parcel of land being a portion of West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at an aluminum cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 14; thence along the Westerly boundary of said West Half Northwest Quarter of Section 14;
South 00° 37’50” West 333.99 feet to an iron pin being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing
South 00° 37’50” West 333.99 feet to an iron pin; thence
South 89° 18’06” East 663.31 feet to an iron pin; thence
North 00° 39’50” East 333.70 feet to an iron pin; thence
North 89° 16’37” West 663.50 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.
Subject to a Road Easement being the Easterly 25.00 feet of the above described parcel.
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OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JULY 11, 2005 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner Tolmie, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Salove, Clerk Sherburn, Assessor Endicott and Fred Grant.

The Board moved to amend the agenda to include a catering permit, liquor license, and indigent and charity.

The Board convened as the Board of Equalization to review and conduct a hearing on an appeal on parcel no. RP 01S03W143220A. Testimony was taken from all parties. The assessor explained how his property had been assessed to come up with the valuation. Mr. Villa accepted the explanation given.

The Board of Equalization agreed to lower the value on parcel no. RP B048000100, as the inside of the home had water damage which lowered the valuation.

The Board of Equalization reviewed the exempt property roll and moved to approve as presented by the assessor.

There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, adjournment was called for and the Board reconvened as Board of Commissioners.

The Board approved the road name of War Eagle Mountain Road. The previous name was War Eagle Road which duplicated another road in the area. The name of Afterthought Mine Road was approved in the same area.

The Board approved the bid submitted by Frank Construction to build a pole building for the waterways. The building will house equipment used for waterways patrol. The bid accepted was for \$20,600.

The Board reviewed pending indigent and charity cases. The following action was taken.

Case no. 05-36 the Board approved payment of the medical bills and placed a lien on the applicant.

The Board approved a beer and wine license for the Stop and Shop in Marsing.

The Board approved a catering permit for the Rodeo Board for the Fair & Rodeo in Homedale.

The Board approved the minutes from the last meeting.

The remainder of the time was taken to go over budgets with department heads.

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

s.s/Harold Tolmie
Attest: s.s/Charlotte Sherburn
7/27/05

CITY OF MARSING OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO NOTICE OF SPECIAL WATER REVENUE BOND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Ordinance No. A-146, adopted on June 8, 2005, of the City of Marsing, of Owyhee County, Idaho, a Special Bond Election will be held in the City on TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005 between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of voting upon the question and proposition of issuing water revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,700,000 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of construction and installation of improvements and betterments to the City's domestic water system, including, but not limited to, new

well, treatment facilities, booster station, water storage tank, and stand by power and distribution improvements, together with related improvements and costs pursuant to the provisions of said Ordinance.

The question to be submitted to the electors shall be by ballot reading substantially as follows:

SHALL THE CITY OF MARSING BE AUTHORIZED TO INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS AND TO ISSUE AND SELL ITS WATER REVENUE BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT WHICH MAY BE LESS THAN BUT WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED \$1,700,000 TO PAY THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS AND BETTERMENTS TO THE CITY'S DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM, THE BONDS TO MATURE OVER A PERIOD WHICH MAY BE LESS THAN BUT WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) YEARS AND TO BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES OF THE DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM, ALL AS MORE FULLY PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO. A-146, ADOPTED ON JUNE 8, 2005?

The following information is required by Section 34-440, Idaho Code:

The City has existing indebtedness in the amount of \$653,961. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bonds is 4.50% per annum. The range of anticipated rates is from 4.0% to 10.0%. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed bonds, principal and interest, based on the anticipated interest rate, is estimated to be \$3,131,400.

Qualified electors shall vote at the following polling place:

Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho

Every person eighteen (18) years of age or older, who at the time of the specified bond election is a United States citizen who has been a legal and bona fide resident of the City for at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the election, if properly registered as required by law, shall be qualified to vote at said election.

Any qualified elector who, because of illness, disability, or expected absence from the City on the date of election, will be unable to vote at the designated polling place on the day of election, may apply to the City Clerk for an absentee ballot. The application must be in writing, must be signed by the applicant, and must contain the name of the elector, his/her home address, and the address to which the ballot shall be forwarded. An application for a mail-in absentee ballot must be received by the City Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth day before the election. An application for in-person absentee voting must be received by the City Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, and absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk not later than 8:00 p.m. of the day of election in order to be counted. Application for an absentee ballot may be made by using a facsimile machine. The City's facsimile number is (208) 896-4123.

Persons who are eligible to vote may register for the special bond election at the office of the Owyhee County Clerk, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, or at the office of the Marsing City Clerk, as Deputy Registrar, at City Hall, Marsing, Idaho, until July 8, 2005. Any

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE

The Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties has proposed to increase the following fee by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the fee charged last year. The proposed percentage increase on the fee is listed below. The following table is an estimate of what this change may mean to the students.

Fee	Last Year Fee	This Year Fee	Percent Increase	Percent Above 105%	Last Year Cost per Student	This Year Cost per Student	Exceptions
Elementary School Activities	\$6.00	\$8.00	133.33%	28.33%	\$6.00	\$8.00	*See Below
<i>*Exception: Children of parents serving in Iraq (per board action April 11, 2005).</i>							
This fee is being increased to cover increased costs.							
All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fee request. The hearing will be held on August 8, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. at the Homedale School District Board Room, 116 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho.							
James R. Duncan Business Manager 7/27;8/3/05							

elector who will complete his or her residence requirement or attain the requisite voting age during the period when the register of electors is closed may register prior to the closing of the register.

Any person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place established for the election, by completing a registration card, making an oath on the form prescribed by law, and providing proof of residence in the manner provided by Section 34-408A, Idaho Code, as amended.

No qualified elector who is duly registered as a voter, and who continues to reside at the same address or within the same precinct in which he or she is registered, shall be required to re-register.

If, at the special bond election, the majority of the qualified electors voting upon the ballot question assent to the issuance of revenue bonds for the purposes set forth in Ordinance No. A-146, the water revenue bonds of the City of Marsing will be issued for such purposes, which bonds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, will mature annually, or at such lesser interval as may be prescribed by the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds, over a period which may be less than but which shall not exceed thirty (30) years, and will bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be prescribed in the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds. The principal of and interest on the bonds will be payable solely out of and derived from rates and charges for the use of and the services rendered by, and all other income, earnings, and revenues of, the domestic water system.

DATED this 8th day of June, 2005.

CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
Donald D. Osterhoudt, Mayor
ATTEST: Jancie C. Bicandi, City Clerk
6/15;7/20,27/05

ELECTION CANCELED
THE GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT OF MARSING ELECTION scheduled for August 2, 2005 has been canceled. Pursuant to Section 34-1407, Idaho Code, this determination was made following the deadline for the Declaration of Intent to be a write-in. Morris Giedd will remain in office for District #1 for the next four (4) years.

Virginia Belknap
Secretary-Treasurer
7/27/05

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Eastern Owyhee County Library District will be held on the 9th day of August, 2005 at 7:00pm at the Eastern Owyhee County Library in said library district at 520 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho at which meeting there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operations budget for the forthcoming year. This special hearing is called pursuant to Sec. 33-2713A Idaho Code as amended.

BUDGET EASTERN OWYHEE COUNTY LIBRARY OCT. 1, 2005 – SEP. 30, 2006		
REVENUES	2004-2005	2005-2006
Property Taxes	\$24,517.00	\$25,331.00
New Construction	150.00	100.00
Sales Tax	9,000.00	9,000.00
Equip. Replacement	2,616.00	2,616.00
Memorials & Gifts	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	269.00	100.00
TOTAL	\$36,652.00	\$37,247.00
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	\$13,500.00	\$14,000.00
Books	7,200.00	7,200.00
Supplies	1,000.00	1,400.00
Technology	685.00	880.00
Contingency	267.00	267.00
Election & Expenses	400.00	400.00
Equipment	1,200.00	1,200.00
Fixed Charges	2,600.00	2,600.00
Insurance	1,800.00	1,800.00
Legal Service	200.00	200.00
Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00
Operation of Plant	4,900.00	4,900.00
Travel & Training	400.00	400.00
TOTAL	\$36,652.00	\$37,247.00
Dated this 19 th day of July 2005		
By order of the Board of Trustees Eastern Owyhee County Library Kathy L. Chick, Clerk Frances Field, Chairman 7/27;8/3/05		

SAMPLE BALLOT CITY OF MARSING

Owyhee County, Idaho
SPECIAL REVENUE BOND ELECTION
AUGUST 2, 2005

SHALL THE CITY OF MARSING BE AUTHORIZED TO INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS AND TO ISSUE AND SELL ITS WATER REVENUE BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT WHICH MAY BE LESS THAN BUT WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED \$1,700,000 TO PAY THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS AND BETTERMENTS TO THE CITY'S DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM, THE BONDS TO MATURE OVER A PERIOD WHICH MAY BE LESS THAN BUT WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) YEARS AND TO BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES OF THE DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM, ALL AS MORE FULLY PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO. A-146, ADOPTED ON JUNE 8, 2005?

IN FAVOR OF issuing revenue bonds for the purposes provided by Ordinance No. A-146 []

AGAINST the issuance of revenue bonds for the purposes provided by Ordinance No. A-146 []

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote on the foregoing proposition, please make a cross (X) or other mark in the space to the right of the words "IN FAVOR OF issuing revenue bonds for the purposes provided in Ordinance No. A-146" or "AGAINST the issuance of revenue bonds for the purposes provided in Ordinance No. A-146" according to the way you desire to vote on the question. If you, by mistake or accident, mark, tear, deface, or otherwise mutilate this ballot, please return it to the election Judge and obtain another ballot.

The following information is required by Section 34-440, Idaho Code:

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Public notices

PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

On August 17, 2005 beginning at 10:00AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Courthouse Annex on Basey Street in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the time listed below. When hearings are finished the commission will take up administrative matters

10:00 NANCY DEPEW has filed an application to establish residential use on parcel that is 12 acres in size. Subject parcel is located southwest of Homedale off of Pioneer Road and Succor Creek Road in Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise, Meridian, Owyhee County

10:30 MICHAEL & REBECCA MAYES have filed an application to establish residential use on approximately 34 acre parcel. Subject property is located southwest of Homedale off of Thompson Road and Old Sullivan Road in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise, Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

11:00 CHRIS & BRYN JOHNSTONE have filed application to split a 1 acre parcel for single family residential use from the original parcel that is approximately 356 acres in size that has an existing residence. Subject property is located southwest of Homedale off of Thompson Road in Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise, Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

11:30 ANTONE BADIOLA has filed an application to establish residential use on an approximately 2 acre parcel. Subject parcel is located south of Homedale, off of Market Road in Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise, Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

2:00 BRAMAN-LAMBDIN ENTERPRISES has filed an application for conditional use permit to split 27 lots, that range in size from 1.2 acres to 4.8 acre from a 68 acre parcel for residential use. Subject property is located south of Dan's Ferry Service off of Highway 78 in Section 17, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

BRAMAN - LAMBDIN ENTERPRISES has filed an application for conditional use permit to split 15, 2 acre lots from a 33 acre parcel for residential use.

Subject property is located southeast of Dan's Ferry Service off of Highway 78 in Section 17, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

7/27/05

PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On August 16, 2005 at 8 AM in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will reconvene a hearing for a conditional use permit filed by Wilke Farms. The application request is for a confined animal feeding operation facility designed to feed a total of 9,000 cattle ranging in ages from 5 months to 15 months of age. The feedlot site is located adjacent to Johnstone Road south of Homedale in a portion of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 5

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 (FY 06) CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006. The hearing will be held at City Hall (425 Boise Ave) Grand View, Idaho at 7:00 pm on Wednesday August 10 , 2005. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed City budget in detail are available at City Hall at 425 Boise Ave in Grand View, Idaho during regular office hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday). City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities related to budget documents or to the hearing, please contact City Hall at 834-2700 at least twenty-four hours (24) hours prior to public hearing. The proposed FY 2006 budget is shown below as the proposed expenditures and revenue.

City of Grand View Expenditures	FY 2004 Budget City Exp	FY 2005 Budget City Exp	FY 2006 Proposed Budget City Exp
Administration:	\$8,700.00	\$8,700.00	\$9,600.00
Auto - Purchase / Maintenance / Fuel / Oil	\$600.00	\$2,350.00	\$1,100.00
Backhoe Maintenance	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$600.00
Capital Outlay	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
City & City Park Maint: Supplies/Repairs	\$2,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Maint. / Equip / Tools / Parts			
Contingency Fund	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Dues (All)	\$800.00	\$950.00	\$800.00
Election Supplies	\$900.00	\$150.00	\$900.00
Engineering / Surveying	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Fire Hydrant / Supplies	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Insurance / Bonds: Workman's Compensation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,400.00	\$500.00	\$700.00
Office Sup / Postage / Safe Dep Box Fee	\$1,334.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Professional Services: Accounting / Legal	\$2,100.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,600.00
Publication	\$2,500.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,483.00
Seminars	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
Utilities- Power/Phone/Dumpster Service	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,800.00
Total City Expenditures	\$33,734.00	\$32,950.00	\$32,683.00

City Revenue Funds

	FY 2004 Budget City Rev	FY 2005 Budget City Rev	FY 2006 Proposed Budget City Rev
City Business Liquor License	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,350.00
Interest (Invest. Pool / Bank)	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
State Liquor Allotment	\$5,800.00	\$7,000.00	\$4,500.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,810.00
State Sales Tax Revenue	\$2,000.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,814.00
County Warrant: Grand View Proposed Tax Levy & Ag,	\$4,684.00	\$4,824.00	\$5,779.00
City Revenue	\$31,084.00	\$30,474.00	\$30,153.00

City Carry / Over Funds:

	Budget City C/O '04	Budget City C/O '05	Budget City C/O '06
Investment Pool / Bank Interest	\$2,189.00	\$2,227.00	\$2,278.00
Checking Account	\$461.00	\$249.00	\$252.00
Total City Carry / Over Funds:	\$2,650.00	\$2,476.00	\$2,530.00
Total Anticipated City Rev & C/O	\$33,734.00	\$32,950.00	\$32,683.00
Street & Road Exp.	FY 2004 Budget St & Rd Exp	FY 2005 Budget St & Rd Exp	FY 2006 Proposed Budget St & Rd Exp

Administration - Payroll Reimbursement			
- Wages for Supervisor	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
- Wages for Maint. Assistant	\$11,000.00	\$11,957.00	\$12,000.00
Auto - Purchase / Maintenance / Gas / Oil	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Backhoe / Mower / Tractor Equip. Maint.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Professional: Accounting / Legal	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Streets / Safety	\$4,796.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,578.00
Signs / Signing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Surveying	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Tools & Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Utilities	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total St & Rd Expenditures,	\$35,796.00	\$35,457.00	\$34,078.00

St & Rd Revenue

	FY 2004 Budget St & Rd Rev	FY 2005 Budget St & Rd Rev	FY 2006 Proposed Budget St & Rd Rev
HUR - State Highway Users Fund	\$19,600.00	\$19,000.00	\$18,426.00
Idaho Power Franchise	\$5,000.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,000.00
Interest (Invest. Pool / Bank)	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$170.00
Grand View Proposed Tax Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total St & Rd Revenue	\$5,375.00	\$24,975.00	\$23,596.00

St & Rd Carry Over

	Budget St&Rd C/O '04	Budget St&Rd C/O '05	Budget St&Rd C/O '06
Investment Pool / Bank Interest	\$8,521.00	\$8,866.00	\$9,090.00
Checking Account	\$2,300.00	\$1,616.00	\$1,392.00
Total St & Rd Carry Over	\$10,821.00	\$10,482.00	\$10,482.00
Total Anticipated St&Rd Rev & C/O	\$35,796.00	\$35,457.00	\$34,078.00

The proposed expenditures and revenues for Fiscal Year 2006 have tentatively approved by the City Council and entered in detail in the Journal of Proceedings. Publication dates for the Notice of Public Hearing are July 27, 2005 and August 3, 2005 in the Owyhee Avalanche, Homedale, Idaho.

Helana (Lani) Race
Grand View City Clerk / Treasurer

7/27;8/3/05

West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Evidence to be taken at the reconvened hearing will be limited only to response to questions posed to the parties by the Planning and Zoning Commission following the prior hearing and to evidence related to rains of May 6 and 7, 2005 and resulting drainage conditions and other matters reasonably related

to the Hearing Officer's Notice of Reconvening dated May 11, 2005. As per Idaho Code 67-6529, only members of the public with their primary residence within one (1) mile radius of a proposed site may provide comment at the hearing, and in this case such public comment is limited as specified herein.

7/27/05

Read all about it

in

The Owyhee Avalanche

337-4681

Public notices

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Grand View Water and Sewer Association, Inc. intends to file an application with USDA, Rural Development for financial assistance for the following purpose:

To complete a Water System Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report to reduce arsenic to acceptable levels.

Also, the public is invited to consult with USDA, Rural Development on any concerns regarding environmental resources that may be affected by the proposal.

The address and phone number of the Rural Development office is:

David A. Flesher, CPS, USDA, Rural Development, 2208 East Chicago, Suite C, Caldwell, ID 83605. (208) 459-0761 Ext. 116

If any additional information is needed, the name, address and phone number of the contact for the Applicant is:

Helana (Lani) Race, Secretary/Treasurer
Grand View Water and Sewer Association, Inc.
425 Boise Ave.
PO Box 69
Grand View, ID 83624
(208) 834-2700
7/27/05

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF WATER PERMIT 57-11673

Dale and Jackie Van Es of 8222 Desert Dr., Marsing, ID 83639 filed Application No. 72069 to amend a water permit with a 2004 priority from ground water totaling 4.71 cfs for a dairy. The permit provides stock and commercial water for property located approximately 3.5 miles southwest of Marsing. The permit authorized two wells about 1.5 miles north of the dairy. The applicant proposes to amend the permit for one well at that northerly location and a second well at or next to the dairy. No other changes are proposed.

For specific details regarding the application, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov with details provided under "new water right applications." Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-211, Idaho Code. The permit will be subject to all prior water rights. Any protest against approval of the application(s) must be filed with IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705-5082, together with a protest fee of \$25 for each application on or before 8/8/2005. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J. DREHER, Director
7/20,27/05

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV-05-05070 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: Marcella Glisson
A petition by Marcella, born on 9-21-58 in Torrance, California, now residing at 220 W. Montana

#5, Homedale, proposing a change in name to Marcella Howard has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being, I got married.

The petitioner's father has died and the names and addresses of the petitioner's near relatives are: Shirley DeAugustine, PO Box 2103, Homedale, Id. 83628

Such petition will be heard at 4:00 o'clock p.m. on August 8, 2005, in courtroom number 1 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 1st day of July, 2005.

By s.s./Lena Johnson, Clerk
7/13,20,27;8/3/05

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV 05-05066 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF ESTATE OF

INGVE H. OLSON, JR.
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed co-personal representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 8th day of July, 2005.

s.s./Emjay Olson
1201 Bellevue Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90026
213-447-2320
s.s./Carolyn Kershaw
PO Box 531
Homedale, ID 836285
208-337-6177
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives
Melville W. Fisher II (ISB 2136)
BATT & FISHER, LLP
101 S. Capitol Blvd., Ste 500
PO Box 1308
Boise, ID 83701
Phone: (208) 331-1000
Fax: (208) 331-2400
7/20,27;8/3/05

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. 72726250 T.S. No. ARCH-04-01770-HE On 10/28/2005, at 11: 00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650 , Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee on behalf of LandAmerica Default Services 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 real property, situated in the County of Owyhee State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 13 AND 14 IN BLOCK 16 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE

PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. 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 that the address of 412 W CALIFORNIA AVE, HOMEDALE, ID is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DONALD L. LIDDELL AND VIOLA F. LIDDELL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor/Trustor, in which TMS MORTGAGE INC., DBA THE MONEY STORE, is named as Beneficiary and ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP., A DELAWARE CORPORATION as Trustee and recorded 12/26/1995 as Instrument No. 217646 in book ---, page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: 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 set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 12/19/1995. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$700.40, due per month for the months of 12/1/2003 through 2/25/2005, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstate- ment. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$64,610.93 together with interest thereon at the current rate of per cent (%) per annum from 11/1/2003. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments,

trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 6/27/05 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company By: THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP710200
7/6,13,20,27/05

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. NO.: F41464-ID-DL LOAN NO.: 926410

On 11/10/2005 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as successor Trustee, on behalf of Owyhee 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: Lot 12 and the West 10 feet of Lot 13, Block 5, Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Official Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: Tr 2 614 W Washington, Homedale, ID 83638, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power

of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Jose L Obregon and Maria Obregon, husband and wife, As grantors, To: Pioneer Title, for the benefit and security of Associates Financial Services Company of Idaho, Inc., As Beneficiary, dated 8/11/1999, recorded 8/12/1999, as Instrument No. 229423, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: 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 set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 8/11/1999. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$699.63, due per month from 8/20/2004, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$63,608.88, plus accrued interest at the rate of 10.02% per annum from 7/20/2004. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: July 12, 2005 By: First American Title Insurance Company, as successor Trustee By: Quality Loan Service Corp., as agent for successor Trustee 319 Elm Street, 2nd Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-3006 (619) 645-7711 For Sale Information call: 916-387-7728 or logon to: www.calpost.com Carmen Herrera, Asst. Trustee Sale Officer ASAP712208
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Mt. Calvary Lutheran Homedale 337-4248 or 454-1528 SE corner Idaho and West 7th Sunday School: 9:00 to 9:45 am Services: 10:00 am Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 to 8:30 pm	Friends Community Church Homedale 301 W. Montana, 337-3464 Pastor: John Beck Summer Worship: 9:30 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Dwayne Fisher Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez 896-5552 or 371-3516 Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Español)	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
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Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Dave London 116 4th Ave. W., 587-4866 Sunday worship 11am-12pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Sunday evening 6pm-7pm Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm Every 3rd Sat. family video at 6 pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 Behind Mr. B's Market Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
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First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave., 482-7767 or 482-7499 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-4685 or 453-9289 Pastor Allan Payne Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:30
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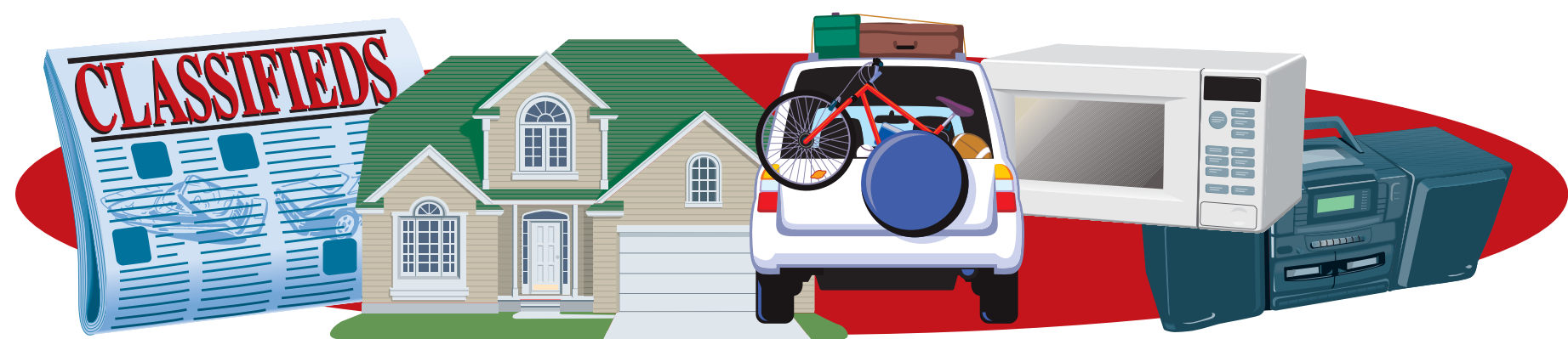
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