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Marsing considers school levy

The Marsing School District will consider an emergency levy for the 2005-06 school year during a special board meeting tonight, Wednesday, at 8 p.m. in the district office. School officials said the levy is necessary because of an increase in student attendance.

The levy has to be passed before the second Monday in September, which is Sept. 12. The board of trustees has to compute the average number of pupils who attend schools in the district each day by Actual Daily Attendance (ADA) standards. If the average ADA is above the number in ADA for the same period of the preceding school year, the board may pass the levy.

Last year, the state said Marsing had an annual average ADA of 741 students, but by the eighth day of school this year, Marsing has an ADA of 795. Last year, the district passed an emergency levy when its student population rose by more than 70 students.

The increase would give the school \$3,280,700 from the state support program allowance fund. The state has assessed the Marsing district's market value of \$135,220,974 as of December 2004. Under the state funding

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County feels pinch at gasoline pumps



Spiked gas prices

On the morning of Aug. 31, gas prices at the ION Truck Stop near Marsing were set from \$2.70 for regular unleaded to \$3.15 per gallon for diesel. By the afternoon, the prices had spiked to nearly \$2.89 for regular unleaded to \$3.27 per gallon for diesel. By Monday night, prices had stabilized at \$2.95 for regular and \$3.25 for diesel. Prices are expected to continue to rise in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Businesses and local governments consider changes to curb expense

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast last week, gas prices soared to record highs causing nearly widespread panic and budget reviews in local governments. Businesses, citizens and local governments have been forced to reconsider their everyday ways of living as gas prices hovered just under \$3 a gallon for regular gas and as much as \$3.27 a gallon for diesel.

Businesses, city and county governments and residents are

making changes to address the rising costs. Law enforcement agencies are making substantial cutbacks in various areas — from ammunition to limited budgets for uniforms. Schools are being forced to reconsider sporting and educational trips because of the increased prices, and residents are cutting back on low-priority trips to town and rearranging vacation plans.

“We are trying to make sure that if we need to travel out of the

county or to Homedale or Grand View, that we can accomplish several things instead of just traveling for one appointment,” Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said. “We are definitely prioritizing.”

Aman said currently he is at 125 percent on his fuel budget with a month left in the budget year.

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Initiative enters its final stages

September deadline nears

The work group for the Owyhee Initiative has entered the final stages in the language of the Owyhee Initiative and plans at least one more meeting before it receives its final vote from the group. The group met in Murphy last week and several suggestions were made to changes in the descriptions of wording, but the body of the draft is basically complete.

Initiative chairman Fred Grant said the wording on the bill is complete except for minor changes, grammar editing and group approval. He said he had hoped to get the final proposal to United States Senator Mike Crapo before the end of September, and it looks like that could happen.

Although another meeting has been set for Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. in Murphy, final work is currently being conducted to present a final draft to the work group next week. Grant said the work is coming together quickly and completion of the bill is very near.

“We awaited word from the conservation groups as to whether they can support the proposals as written,” Grant said. “We have their changes, which are nearly only word changes, and we have their blessings. The bill is now only days away.”

“We have moved through more than four years now discussing the agreement and the method of implementing the agreement. Last year the agreement was signed. Now, we are at the point of gaining approval of the language, which will implement the agreement.”

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Crapo: White House conference will help ESA

Support for cooperative solutions should spread to Congress to improve the Endangered Species Act (ESA), according to Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho).

Crapo, a speaker and round table participant at the White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation last week in St. Louis, is heartened by the willingness of government and private-sector interests — from landowners to conservationists — to embrace collaboration as a tool in conservation efforts.

“We need cooperative legislation to implement like-minded cooperative conservation,” Crapo said to applause at the conference. “We have all made innovative approaches work to solve our issues when regulations have failed us. Our innovations have given us good ideas for improving the law. People from all sides are sitting down together and finding solutions, many of which lie outside the standard realm of federal regulations. It is time to incorporate that collaborative approach inside the federal system. The participants at this conference seemed willing to do that.”

Crapo chairs a bipartisan Senate panel that is planning legislation to improve the ESA through consensus-making, landowner incentives and other ideas. The group hopes to introduce legislation by late this fall.

“We have seen collaboration work in Idaho through the Owyhee Initiative, the burbot (a type of fish) working group in Boundary County, and the Clearwater Elk Collaborative,” Crapo said. “Now, we are seeing similar collaborative discussions demonstrated at the national level during this conference, and that momentum should translate into action by Congress in the near future.”



Damage

A vehicle had most of its windows broken out during a fight at the Marsing Labor Camp on Friday night. The passenger window was reportedly broken by a machete. Three Marsing residents were arrested in the altercation.

Three arrested in weekend fight at Marsing work camp

A fight Friday night at the Marsing Labor Camp resulted in three arrests, three adults cited and the seizure of several weapons. Deputies at the scene estimated that over 30 people were involved in the altercation, but how it started is still under investigation.

Deputies were dispatched to the labor camp at about 10:30 p.m. Friday night for a battery in progress.

But when they arrived they found a large group of people fighting with weapons, and broken bottles. Posse members and officers from Homedale assisted in the confrontation in which Owyhee County Deputy Jim Bish said alcohol was involved.

Marsing residents Pablo Tellez-Gonzales, 24, Eustasio M. Balderrama, 32 and Geraviel Quebrado, 21 were arrested for felony aggravated battery and felony malicious injury to property.

All three were still in jail

Tuesday morning.

Gabriel Cuevas, 24, Alejo Cuevas, 23 and Luis Cuevas, 22 all of Marsing, were cited for malicious injury to property and disturbing the peace. Several people were treated for minor injuries at the scene by emergency medical technicians. Three vehicles were damaged in the altercation and another was impounded.

County authorities said the case is still under investigation.



MHAFB opens school year

The Mountain Home Air Force Base Honor Guard helped Bruneau Elementary School students start school right Aug. 25. Grand View-Bruneau School Superintendent Vicky Chandler joined students, teachers and parents for the ceremony on the first day of school. Bruneau Elementary began the school year with 62 students in its kindergarten through sixth-grade classes.

Owyhee County Fair board to meet in Oreana

This month, the Owyhee County Fair board will hold its monthly meeting in Oreana at the home of board chairman Joe Merrick. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at 2118 Weiss Road in Oreana.

On the agenda, the board will consider approving the minutes from last month’s meeting and will have a discussion on a review of this year’s fair. Grounds improvements will be talked about, including plans to remodel the sheep and swine backboards.

Fair board secretary Terry Nielsen said the backboards have been rusting and the fair board hopes to come up with a solution to keep them off the ground and keep them from rusting.

Nielsen said this year’s fair was a great success. She said personnel from the extension office and staff from the sales committee would be at Friday’s board meeting.

4-H donates to hurricane relief

The South Mountain 4-H Club members have pledged \$100 to the Red Cross relief effort in the areas hit by Hurricane Katrina and challenge other 4-H clubs and FFA organizations to meet or beat this donation.

The 4-H pledge states “I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.”

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BLM responds to Simplot agreement

Although the Bureau of Land Management has said it cannot respond to an agreement between the J.R. Simplot Co. and Western Watersheds Project, but a spokesman from BLM said that the bureau would be involved in the final decision.

BLM’s Barry Rose said Friday that the federal agency has not signed off on the agreement and, because BLM is affected, it would have to be included in any deal. He said currently attorneys for BLM are reviewing the agreement, and he would not comment on where BLM stands in the decision.

“They can reach an agreement among themselves and propose it to the court, the court can do whatever it wants, but not withstanding that, the court is going to seek the approval or disapproval of the agreement and take it into consideration,” Rose said.

“We are the defendant in the lawsuit, and we are confident that will happen. K Lynn (Bennett, BLM state director) said that during t he last hearing, Judge B. Lynn Winmill said he would rule on the latest motions by Sept. 15.

“We assume (Winmill) would take this into consideration,” Rose continued. “There are ongoing negotiations with all parties, so there is a lot more to consider as well. The fact of the matter is Simplot and Western Watersheds cannot just strike an agreement among themselves, it has to be approved by the court and there are other parties involved. In theory, they can make a decision, but in practice, it is highly unlikely.”

— CAB

Simplot, environmentalists strike grazing permit deal

One of the largest corporate livestock owners in Idaho has agreed to settle a lawsuit in which its grazing levels were threatened by anti-grazing activist organizations. J.R. Simplot Co. signed an agreement with Western Watersheds Project that may not only bring a sensitive species to the forefront of the debate and raises questions about the role of politicians in the dispute, but also puts pressure on a federal agency’s management practices.

WWP, whose mentor Jon Marvel opposes all livestock grazing on federal lands, brought the lawsuit.

This particular lawsuit focused on the Bureau Land Management’s issuance of 10-year grazing permits in the Jarbidge Resource Area. It charged that the BLM had violated its own planning objectives by not providing priority protection to the sage grouse, which the U.S. Forest Service had decided not to list as endangered. That decision has now been remanded to the Forest Service by a federal judge in Boise for reconsideration.

The agreement does not affect other permittees in the case, per se, but Western Watersheds is continuing to negotiate with them. Cheryle Zwang from the BLM said obviously bureau officials could not comment on the agreement at this time because the issue is still in litigation, but she said that BLM was not party to the agreement between WWP and Simplot. She said Judge B. Lynn Winmill would look at the agreement and would sign off, or not.

In the anti-grazing lawsuit, no individual ranchers were sued. So, as in most of the anti-grazing lawsuits that have been filed in Idaho’s federal district court, ranchers impacted had to participate only as interveners. Even though the object of the lawsuit was to prevent grazing, which is the livelihood of the family ranchers in the area, the chief defense was in the hands of the BLM, which was represented by an assistant United States Attorney.

Winmill decided in favor of the anti-grazing interests, and in August issued an injunction preventing the BLM from allowing further grazing on more than 800,000 acres until the BLM completes an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The BLM had conducted four Environmental Assessments, but the court decided that a full EIS was needed. That process is expected to take at least three years.

The new agreement, if approved by the judge, allows Simplot flexibility not available under the judge’s order.

It is estimated that Simplot will reduce grazing by 5 to 10 percent under the settlement. WWP and Simplot selected decreases in grazing in some areas to protect sage grouse habitat. Sage grouse are considered a sensitive species although the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has declined to list it for protection under the Endangered Species Act. Winmill specifically noted the species’ decline in the Jarbidge area in his decision.

According to the settlement, in exchange for continued grazing, Simplot will not “pursue legislative remedies” that contradict the agreement with Western Watersheds. In fact, even if a legislative “rider” or other legislation were passed that would allow Simplot to increase grazing levels, the livestock producer cannot take advantage of those offers under the settlement.

WWP, in turn, will not pursue additional lawsuits against Simplot over the Jarbidge for designated period of time.

WWP claimed that the BLM ignored its own management plan, broke federal policies and emphasized increased grazing at the detriment to sage grouse and other wildlife.

— CAB

Grant means new computers for Homedale library

Through a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Homedale Public Library has been able to improve computer access at the branch with three new high-speed computers using the Microsoft Windows XP operating system.

The new computers replaced three older computers that had become outdated. The total cost was \$7,467.

The grant provided \$6,645.63 for the new computers, and the library’s share of the cost was \$821.37.

Citizens of Homedale who cannot afford computers in their homes rely on the public library to provide this service. And they would probably have no access to computers otherwise.

On average, about 33 patrons visit the Homedale library to use the computers. Most hop on the Internet for entertainment or do research or send and read e-mail. Some users are students who gather information and type reports for school. Other users type resumes or search for jobs online.

Others purchase airline tickets online or find information about diseases, medications and other health issues.

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Homedale High rushes to aid injured classmate

By all accounts, Jonathan Page never has been one to seek attention, but his Homedale High School classmates and teachers are focused on helping him through a trying time.

Jonathan, who was a freshman at Homedale last year, is recovering from an accident that occurred when he was going fishing with friends and relatives in Tulsa, Okla. He was transferred to Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise on Aug. 29.

“He’s better than what (doctors at Elks) anticipated,” Jonathan’s father, Samuel, said last week.

The best sign is that Jonathan was transferred to Elks and not an intensive care unit at another Boise hospital, his father said.

With Jonathan continuing on the road back, Homedale teachers and students — led by elementary instructor Cheryl Calzacorta and high school teachers Brenda Paxton and Mark Thatcher — have united to present a benefit baked potato feed and raffle beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday in the high school cafeteria.

Some of the raffle items include the use of a condo in McCall donated by Dennis Corbett of Homedale, beef donated by Homedale’s Jimmy Thomas and a baby pig from Leroy Babcock and family.

The potatoes for the feed have been donated by Wilder farmer Ray Gross. Toppings and other food items have been provided by

Paul’s Markets and Sonke Dairy. Homedale Drive-In also is helping out, and Quality School Services in Wilder also helped out.

Donations will be accepted at the door and there also will be a bake sale and live music from an old-time country music and fiddle band. Proceeds will go to help the Page family. An account has been set up at the U.S. Bank branch in Homedale for other contributions.

“It’s a humbling experience to recognize you have friends and people you associate with and neighbors and friends that will do this,” Samuel said. “You expect them to care, but this is a pleasant surprise.”

Paxton said Jonathan always seemed like a quiet student, and she pushed him into becoming involved in the Homedale High drama program. Ironically it was there that he made a big splash — in a role that never required him to be on stage. He played the lighting and sound director of a high school play in the production of “The Great Pandemonium.” Paxton said the bumbling character Jonathan developed, complete with a “surfer-dude” dialect, stole the show.

Samuel said there is a misconception about his son’s personality, though. Some see him as introverted, but his father says that’s just Jonathan’s way.

“Activity-wise, he’s outgoing,” Samuel said, adding that Jonathan hasn’t been in the Homedale

school system all his life. “A lot of the boys would come around even before he got in the system. They’d come by. It wasn’t like he was shy or backward.”

Jonathan’s family includes his father and his mother, Robyn. He is the youngest of four siblings, including sisters Rebekah and Tamarah and brother Joshua.

Jonathan was on his way to fishing with friends and family while on summer vacation in Tulsa when tragedy struck. According to his father, Jonathan was wading through the Arkansas River on the way to a secluded fishing spot when he wandered too close to a low-water dam. The runoff of the dam was higher than normal on Aug. 3, and the rushing water disturbed more of the river downstream that it normally did. The sandy river bottom gave way under Jonathan’s feet and he was sucked into the riptide created by the turbulent dam water.

Tulsa fire and rescue personnel pulled Jonathan from under the water’s surface. His father said Jonathan was submerged between five and 10 minutes and had to be resuscitated near the river’s edge.

Since the accident, there has been progress. He is now off a ventilator and is undergoing speech therapy at Elks. His father also said there are no signs of heart damage.

“Physically, he’s doing better than where he came from,” said Samuel, who is a pastor at Homedale’s Trinity Church. “His vitals and lungs are doing good.”

— JB



Near normal irrigation

Water will continue to flow through irrigation systems in the area at least until the middle of next month. Temperatures are expected to cool before the end of next week, which South Board of Control Manager Rex Barrie says will also help make a good irrigation season better.

Irrigators receive good news

Temperatures expected to cool off

This year’s irrigation season is expected to be near normal with the season ending next month. South Board of Control Manager Rex Barrie said Tuesday that Owyhee Reservoir contained 420,808 acre-feet of water in it as of Tuesday morning. He said this year has been a good irrigation season and the carry over for next year also looks good.

Owyhee Reservoir was at 59 percent of full Tuesday morning with 201 cubic feet per second in the outflow and 113 cfs in the inflow. The reservoir is 25 feet from full and is at 100 percent of the 30-year average. The season is expected to end on Oct. 15, but won’t be approved until the board meeting next month.

Weather conditions are

beginning to take on a fall feel and are expected to continue to drop over the next 10 days.

The National Weather Service is predicting highs to be in the low 90s Wednesday but dropping to the upper 60s by the weekend. Saturday is expected to be in the upper 60s with a chance of scattered thunderstorms. Lows are expected to be in the upper 40s.

Sunday is predicted to be cloudy with showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s. Next Monday, showers should continue with the chance of a thunderstorm. Temperatures are expected to be in the 70s with lows in the 40s.

A fire weather watch remained in effect for Wednesday evening with high-pressure building over southern Idaho. A fire weather watch means that critical fire weather conditions are forecast to occur.

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Gas

He said other budget items have had to be cut to make up for the shortfall. Next year’s budget does not look any better for Aman as the commissioners are proposing only a 4 percent increase in his fuel budget.

Aman has had to cut back on everything from extraditing prisoners to pen and paper supplies.

“Investigations, supplies, repairs on vehicles, ammunition, postage, uniforms, we have had to cut back,” Aman said. “I am just going to have to cut where I can, and if I am over at the end of the year I may have to go to the courts and ask them to open the budget to put more money into it. But until then, I will just have to take it from other line items.”

Aman said he has had to take from items that he desperately needs. He said if he needs to extradite a felony warrant, depending on the degree of the warrant, he would go get the suspect. But if the warrant is for a misdemeanor or low-grade felon, he weighs the priority of spending the money to pick the suspect up.

“I had a guy arrested in Texas who had a felony warrant for burglary here that I could not go get and he had a \$30,000 bond,” Aman said. “He was going to be

deported back to Mexico, and I had to turn him down. If he comes back to Idaho, I will pick him up.”

In Jordan Valley, Ore., cuts are already in place because of high fuel prices. Some of the school district’s sporting events have been canceled or changed. League games are locked in, but non-league games have been cut. The school board has budgeted more fuel for this year, but it still may not be enough.

Parents have stepped up to help. The seventh and eight grades only have 10 students in their class, so most field trips are chaperoned with parents making up most of the driving, which saves the district fuel.

A resealing project for the district’s parking lot may have to be postponed because of rising costs.

Hurricane Katrina, which devastated countless communities in states all along the Gulf Coast, destroyed a number of oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico and swamped refineries along the coast. Skyrocketing gas prices are being blamed on the wrath of the storm.

J.B. Matthiesen, manager of the ION Truck Stop, said in the many years he has managed large truck stops, he has never seen gas take such a dramatic jump. On the morning of Aug. 31, diesel at the station was already \$3.15 per

gallon, but by the afternoon it has risen to \$3.27 per gallon.

“I have changed the price so often, sometimes I have to look to remember what it is,” Matthiesen joked Thursday morning.

Matthiesen said the increase has also made changes in his lifestyle because he lives in Ontario, Ore., and commutes to the Marsing area.

“I drive my car instead of my truck,” Matthiesen said. “I also have a brand-new race car, and it has to sit this year. I can’t even race. With my diesel pickup, it has to sit. I drive a Buick now, but I am considering getting something that is even more economical.”

The ION Truck Stop may be the largest station in the northern end of the county, but it is not the largest station in the southern end of the state. He said volume has dropped off since gas prices have jumped.

Crude oil prices skyrocketed to a record level of nearly \$71 a barrel at their highest point last week. Slammed by Hurricane Katrina, most oil and natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico remains at a standstill. Saudi Arabia has reportedly agreed, if needed, to add more than a million barrels to the market each day, but the U.S. government plans to tap into the strategic oil reserve to help.

— CAB



Calm before the storm

Gas prices at the ION Truck Stop near Marsing — and at other gas stations throughout the county, Idaho and the nation — took a big jump on Aug. 31. Left: The day began with customers paying \$2.70 a gallon for regular unleaded. Above: By the afternoon, the price had increased seven cents to \$2.77 a gallon. Damage suffered by Gulf of Mexico oil production facilities because of Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent shortage of fuel has been blamed for the latest spike.

Levy

formula, the school district receives \$4,429 for each student in the ADA up to a maximum of \$128,441.

Under state guidelines, a school district is allowed one emergency levy per year to meet unexpected increases in student population without asking for voter approval. Marsing’s levy would generate \$81,132.

What the levy means to taxpayers is an increase of about \$30 per year in their property taxes for every \$50,000 of taxable value from last year’s estimate. The levy could increase taxes by nearly \$60 on either a typical farm or home valued at \$100,000, and by about \$120 per year on a typical business of \$200,000. School officials state that the amounts are estimates and do not include homeowner’s exemptions.

— CAB

Initiative

to be, the discussions regarding the proposals for voluntary participation in the wilderness program of the agreement will go well and quickly. We can then have a bill to Senator Mike Crapo by late September. I have promised him that we will try to meet that deadline and we could very well do that.”

In August, the work group met and voted on the language of the bill, minus the language as to the actual legal definitions of the wilderness and wild and scenic rivers. Now the group has the exact wording the environmental groups want and the final draft is being prepared.

Grant said during the meeting that Chad Gibson had met with board members of the cattlemen’s association and with the Border Lands Trust members. He said Brenda Richards, Inez Jaca and Gibson visited with the board and

collected their suggestions.

“The cattlemen suggested that they would like to have heritage of the industry added to the wording of the initiative,” Gibson told the group. The group agreed that the wording should be added.

Further suggestions were made from the conservation groups, mostly concerning the bill’s exact wording. Grant said most of the suggestions would not make any drastic changes to the final draft.

The language was being worked on for accuracy, but its fate must await final discussions of the proposals, which were made by several ranchers for sales or exchanges. Those proposals would be the base for adding the acres of wilderness made possible by voluntary actions of ranchers in order to make their cattle operations more viable and to remove wilderness study areas.

Grant said the status is the individual ranchers themselves have made the proposals, as the price for their sale or exchange

of lands, which would free them from wilderness study areas, and in some cases change significantly their grazing preference. The work group members did not participate in developing the proposals.

In the meantime, an outside appraiser was sought for the purpose of reviewing the proposals. After several weeks of study it became apparent that time constraints as well as money constraints made it impossible to gain the type of appraisals which the appraisers wanted to do prior to passing judgment on the proposals.

The Work Group has now approved a draft of all provisions of the bill except those, which relate to the voluntary proposals and their relationship to some of the wilderness areas most desirable to the conservation groups. The Work Group members with their constituent organizations are discussing that draft.

“I am still very optimistic, even though the discussions over the individual rancher’s proposals are now the single key portion of the Initiative upon which success depends,” Grant said.

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Obituary

Violet Stone

Violet Stone, 86, of Homedale, formerly of Caldwell and Boise, died Saturday, September third, at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside memorial service will be at 11:00 am Wednesday, September 7, 2005, at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell, under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Violet was born January 24, 1919, at Ammon, Idaho, a daughter of Francis and Harriette Fisher Waters.

Mom was a guitar player and singer for about 63 years and enjoyed every minute of it. She crocheted about 50 afghans and made lots of Christmas tree skirts and pillows. Her hands were always busy. She loved bright and beautiful colors and worked them into the things she made. She also did some embroidery and textile painting.

She loved to plant trees to leave for the beauty and comfort of others. She loved her family and friends with plenty of hugs to go 'round. She loved a good laugh and being happy, hence her nickname "Happy" which her late brother Steve had called her since the age of 10.

She loved the mountains and lived in the mountains quite a lot of her life. She helped mine for gold with her father and brother at age 14 to 16. She married Raymond Stone on October 5, 1937, at Boise. After she married, she and Dad raised sheep for 2 years, then worked on farms, did some logging and lived in Idaho



Violet Stone

City for several years where Dad worked.

Her home was always open to everyone. We will greatly miss the matriarch of our family. She was a beautiful person with a beautiful, generous heart.

Our family will be in wait until we can see her smiling face again.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ray in 1985, four brothers and one sister.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law Evelyn "Pat" and Bill Marker of Adrian, OR, two sons and daughters-in-law Robert and Tracy Stone of Centralia, WA, and Kenneth and Taffy Stone, of Caldwell, ID, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two great-great-granddaughters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Engagement

Lindemann, Cassity to wed in Marsing on Sept. 17

Russ Lindemann of Marsing and Tina and Larry Lemmon of Warrenton, Ore., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Lindemann, to Brock Cassity, son of Don and Tam Cassity of Greenleaf.

The bride-to-be graduated from Marsing High School in 2004 and soon left Idaho to attend the International Air Academy in Vancouver, Wash. She is a travel agent with Carlson Travel in Boise.

The groom-to-be graduated from Vallivue High School in 2004. He is employed in construction by the Upson Company.

The couple exchange vows at 2 p.m., Sept. 17, 2005, in Marsing in the beautiful yard of Mary



Nicole Lindemann and Brock Cassity

Lootens. A reception will follow, and all friends and family are welcome to attend.

For directions, call the couple or their parents.

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

Sept 8: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, roll, milk.
Sept 9: Bingo starts again. Every Friday at 6:30 to 8:30.
Sept 11: National Grandparent Day.
Sept 13: Birthday lunch. Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll, milk. Board meeting.
Sept 14: Beef stew, roll, milk.

Marsing Senior Center

Sept 8: Oven fried chicken, potatoes, beets, tossed salad, soup, dessert, beverage.
Sept 12: Salisbury steak, broccoli, potatoes, beet, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.
Sept 13: Hot dogs, sauerkraut, cheese, chili, fries, tossed salad, dessert, beverage.
Sept 14: BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Former Homedale resident Ruby O'Neal marks 94th birthday

Former Homedale resident Ruby O'Neal celebrated her 94th birthday Aug. 3, 2005, in Richland, Wash., with her family.

Ruby and her family had lived in the Homedale area since 1951, and she now lives at Eagle Assisted Living in Richland.

Her daughters and their families all joined her at the celebration, including Caroleta Palmer of Melba; Leona and Ted Neef and their grandson Mason from Eugene, Ore., and their son, Carl Neef, Bellevue, Wash.; Bonnie and Don Williams and their daughter and her husband, Tanya and Steve Smith, of Richland.



Ruby O'Neal

School menus for Sept. 8-14

Homedale Elementary

Sept 8: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, apple turnover, fruit bar, milk
Sept 9: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich, fries/tots, cookie, fruit bar, milk.
Sept 12: Early release. Sloppy Joe or hot dog, fries/tots, chocolate pudding, fruit bar, milk.
Sept 13: Turkey & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, oatmeal cookie, fruit bar, milk.
Sept 14: Ravioli or beef taco pie, roll, veggie, pears, fruit bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

Sept 8: Pizza or popcorn chicken, tossed salad, fruit bar, cookie, milk.
Sept 9: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.
Sept 12: Early release. Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit bar, cookie, milk.
Sept 13: Fish nuggets or corn dog, rice, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.
Sept 14: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit bar, milk.

Homedale High

Sept 8: Chicken patty/bun or sandwich choice, fires, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.
Sept 9: Crispito or rib-b-que/bun, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept 12: Early out. Pizza or popcorn chicken, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.
Sept 13: Beef nuggets or corn dog bites, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept 14: Lasagna or burrito, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Bruneau schools

Sept 8: Burritos, Spanish rice, corn, fruit milk.
Sept 9: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, stir fry veggie, mandarin oranges, roll/butter, fortune cookie, milk.
Sept 12: Biscuits/gravy, little smokies, hashbrowns, oranges, milk, maple bars.
Sept 13: Taco salad or chicken salad, chips & salsa, mixed fresh fruit, spice cake, milk.
Sept 14: Lasagna, tossed salad w/croutons, garlic bread sticks, fruit, chicken nuggets.

Seaman finishes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Andrew W. Bowen, son of Pat L. and Richard R. Bowen of Marsing, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Bowen completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

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Death notice

DONALD E. EGGLESTON, 77, of Homedale died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005 at a Caldwell hospital. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene on Ustick and Batt Corner, Wilder. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

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Owyhee saddle maker cited for lifetime of work

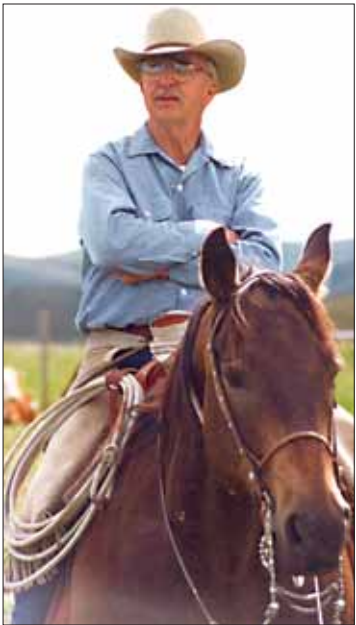
Owyhee County leatherworker Bob Kelly has been named the 2005 recipient of the Don King Lifetime Achievement Award from the Academy of Western Artists.

The award ceremony was held at the Hilt Performance Hall in Richardson, Texas, during the 10th annual Will Rogers Awards. Western artists were honored for their work in the fields of sculpture, writing, music, cartoons and traditional working gear that represent Outstanding Achievement in the Advancement of Contemporary of Western Arts.

The award Kelly received was established in 2002 to recognize the outstanding contribution of a saddle maker who pursues excellence in the craft and advances the art of leatherwork and saddle making to higher levels.

Bob began his saddle making career at Ray Holes Saddle Co., in 1952, starting out by cleaning up, making saddle trees, building pack saddles and getting the feel of the leather. By 1955, Kelly began assembling stock saddles full-time in the shop while Ray Holes focused on his specialty, floral leather carving. Kelly has been said to have a “great eye for the lines of the saddle tree, skirt and fenders” and is credited by saddle makers, including Dale Harwood and Chuck Stormes, as being an instrumental figure in the success of the popular Ray Holes saddle.

Kelly made more than 1,700 saddles before moving to California at the end of 1978, when he began to build saddles under his own name. He never trained any other saddle makers, but gave some good advice to a few people, two of whom became top-notch artists: Nancy Petersen of Three Forks, Mont., and Doug Cox of Gardnerville, Nev.



Honored
Owyhee County saddle maker Bob Kelly recently was given the Don King Lifetime Achievement Award from the Academy of Western Artists in recognition of his more than 50 years of leatherworking.

Kelly moved back to Idaho in 1982 and settled south of Homedale. Although Bob officially retired from saddle making in 2003 after making more than 2,000 saddles, he recently built himself a rough-out saddle to fit his new horse.

Bob has always felt that a lifetime of riding helped him to make a saddle easy on man and horse.

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Rimrock FFA news

by Ellie Cantrell
This summer, the Rimrock FFA Chapter was able to go on a leadership retreat in cabin in Pine with the Marsing FFA Chapter.

We worked on ways to make our chapter run more smoothly while having a little fun. We floated the river a couple times, had inductions into the Ooga Booga Club and tried to eat a formal dinner prepared by our chaperones.

In August, three members of the Rimrock chapter entered animals in the Owyhee County Fair. Chris Hipwell and Jay Long had market swine projects, and Ellie Cantrell

had a market lamb. All three did very well.

Also during that week, five chapter members did well in the livestock judging.

Geoff King, Chris Hipwell, Cole Merrick, Ellie Cantrell and Shawn Servis placed first overall. King went home with the first place individual belt buckle, while Merrick placed second and Hipwell received fourth.

Leigh Martin, Hipwell, King, Cantrell and Servis represented Rimrock at the Western Idaho Fair Livestock and Dairy Judging. The team placed second overall in Livestock Judging, while King

placed second individually and Martin was sixth.

In Dairy Judging, the team placed fourth overall, and King finished third.

This summer was a very busy one for the Rimrock FFA Chapter. It started in Moscow, where the Mechanics Team placed fourth.

The members of the Rimrock FFA Chapter would like to thank our advisor, Mr. Schoen, his wife, Mrs. Schoen, and Mr. Nettleton, Marsing’s advisor, for transportation to all our events and for helping us become better leaders and for being such great advisors.

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Total workout

Tami Steinmetz works out at Pick up the Pace center in Homedale last weekend. Tami and her mother Kathy Watson recently opened the center to offer a “refuge” to local women where they can get away from it all.

All-ladies exercise center opens doors on Homedale locale

Kathy Watson and Tami Steinmetz, a mother-and-daughter team, have gotten together to offer women of the area a “refuge where women can get away from it all” and get a total-body workout in only a hal- hour.

The duo announced last week that they are bringing fitness and fun to Homedale in the form of a Pick Up the Pace 30-minute workout center. The center opened last week at 4 W. Owyhee Ave. Watson and Steinmetz plan to have the center open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

“Women have such a hard time getting away to do something for themselves,” Watson said. “What we are doing is offering a one-stop location where women have a place for the kids to play while they really pamper themselves.”

Pick Up the Pace offers circuit training with adjustable resistance, a free children’s play area, nutritional products, tanning, body wraps, nutrition counseling and therapeutic massage in the same building. Stacy Fisher is a CMT massage therapist and specializes in Rapha Therapeutic Massage. She is located at 6 W. Owyhee Ave. and is available for Swedish massage, deep tissue,

accutheraPy, hot stone therapy, trigger-point therapy and sports massages.

“We are just so thrilled to be bringing a permanent weight-loss solution to Homedale,” Steinmetz said. “We have, of course, experienced some frustration with weight ourselves, and we are really looking forward to making this journey towards better health and fitness with our members.

“Physical fitness is a concern, and women need a common sense exercise and weight-loss plan. Our gym is not about lugging weights around or watching the timer on the StairMaster. Instead, it is a 30-minute system of exercise that is safe for women of all ages and body types. It is about developing friendships and improving your health while receiving motivation and support.”

A grand opening is planned to run Monday through Sept. 17, and there will be prize drawings throughout the week. During the grand opening week, the Watson and Steinmetz will offer half-off deals on membership fees.

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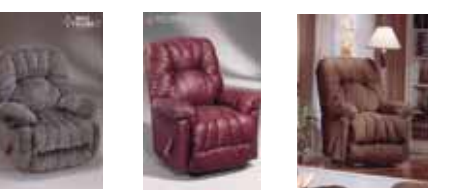
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Proposed F&G fish rules subject of open houses

Plan now to review and comment on proposed 2006-2007 fish rules at an upcoming open house hosted by Idaho Fish and Game. Two open houses will be held, one in southern Idaho and one in northern Idaho.

Open houses are scheduled for September 14 at Fish and Game headquarters in Boise from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and September 15 at the Fish and Game's McCall office from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Persons unable to attend an open house can still review and

comment on the proposed fishing rules changes by accessing the Fish and Game website, <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

In the southern portion of the southwest region, proposals call for a year-round season designation for the Owyhee River, and applying the Family Fishing Waters designation to Settler's Pond in Meridian, Merrill Pond in Eagle and Payette Pond.

In the northern portion of the southwest region, proposals call for a general fishing season, the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30, on Big Creek and its tributaries, a general fishing season on the North Fork of the Payette River between Cascade Reservoir and the Hartsell Bridge, and removing kokanee catch and release restrictions on the North Fork between Cascade Reservoir and Payette Lake.

One final proposal would convert the Little Salmon River and its tributaries from a year-round fishing season to a general fishing season.

Regarding statewide issues of note, Fish and Game is proposing to eliminate limits on walleye and northern pike in waters where these fish have been illegally introduced, and change fishing tournament rules to allow harvest of wild trout in streams where the practice would benefit native trout.

Hunting seasons kick into gear around state

Antelope season nears close, but there are plenty of other hunts

It's that time of year again, not Monday Night Football, but, hunting season.

Some big game units opened in Owyhee County, which includes units 40, 41 and 42, last month and grouse and dove season got under way on Sept. 1. But, through the remainder of this month and next, the rest of the seasons will open.

Archery hunters began their season on Aug. 15 with the opening of antelope season. Antelope season will close on Sept. 15. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game would like to remind antelope hunters that leaving blind material is considered littering. Digging pits on Federal land is also a violation of the law.

For more information on the construction of a legal blind, contact the local Bureau of Land Management office.

On Aug. 30, all three units opened for deer season. Legal antlered deer are two-point only and antlerless deer are allowed as well. The season will end on Sept. 30.

Doves opened on Sept. 1 and will run through Sept. 30. Check IDF&G regulations for shooting times. A federal migratory game bird harvest information validation is required for doves, but nontoxic shot is not. The daily bag limit is 10 and possession is 20 after the first day.

Forest grouse also opened on Sept. 1 but the upland game bird will not close until Dec. 31. The daily bag limit is four and eight



A sheep near Diamond Basin

A big horn sheep keeps a watchful eye on his surroundings near the Silver City road recently. Although there is no general season on sheep in the area, archery season has opened for antelope and deer. Photo by Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy George Reed.

after the first day.

Next week, bob white and California quail season will open as well as sage grouse and chukars. All will open on Sept. 17. Quail season will close on Dec. 31 and have a daily bag limit of 10 and a possession limit of 20 after the first day.

Sage grouse will close on Sept. 23 in area 2, and on Oct. 9 in area 3. Area 2's bag limit is one bird with a possession limit of two and area 3 bag limit is two birds or four in possession after the first day. A hunting license with a sage-sharp tailed grouse permit validation is required. Sharp tailed grouse hunting is closed in all of Owyhee County.

Chukar season in area 1 begins on Sept. 17 and closes on Jan. 31. In area 3, the season runs from Sept. 17 until Dec. 31. Bag and possession limits are the same in both areas at eight chukar and gray partridge per day and 16 each in possession after the first day.

Duck and goose seasons as well as pheasants and general deer seasons will open in October. A special youth waterfowl hunt season will open on Sept. 25 and 26 for hunters 15 and younger. The hunt requires a license, a federal migratory game bird harvest validation and nontoxic shot to be used.

At least one adult 18 or older having a valid hunting license must accompany each youth hunting party into the field at all times, but officials want to remind adults that they are not authorized to hunt.

The hunt includes ducks, merganser, canvasbacks, pintails, goose and coots.

All other state rules and federal regulations pertaining to the taking of the birds are in effect.

As always, check local fish and game regulations for specific rules and restrictions.

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Public Notice of Intent To Propose Or Promulgate New Or Changed Agency Rules

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

IDAPA 02 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PO Box 790, Boise, ID 83701-0790

02-0602-0502, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Commercial Feed Law. Updates incorporation by reference.

02-0612-0501, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Commercial Fertilizer Law. Updates incorporation by reference.

02-0641-0501, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Soil and Plant Amendment Act of 2001. Updates incorporation by reference.

IDAPA 07 - DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY 1090 E. Watertower St., Meridian, ID 83642

07-0203-0501, Rules Governing Permit Fee Schedule. Eliminates the double permit fee payment for plumbing contractors who install both the plumbing and water and sewer service lines in residences.

IDAPA 08 - BOARD OF EDUCATION/ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0027

08.02.02, Rules Governing Uniformity.

****08-0202-0503,** Revises the Idaho's teacher standards that are incorporated by reference.

****08-0202-0504,** Removes the "reading in the content area" discrete course as a requirement to meet the Idaho Standards for teacher certification.

****08-0202-0505,** Revises specific teacher endorsement requirements to ensure the requirements align with Idaho's performance-based teacher preparation standards.

****08-0202-0506,** Updates and clarifies language in the Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators.

****08-0202-0507,** Allows individuals who have completed an official armed forces training program and have provided notarized copies of their certificates of completion to be considered highly qualified to teach high school ROTC courses.

****08-0202-0508,** Eliminates special endorsement areas not specifically required for any one of the special education program assignments; realigns the Hearing Impaired and Visually Impaired endorsements; and adds definitions to clarify roles of Consulting and Supervisors/Coordinators of Special Education teachers.

08.02.03, Rules Governing Thoroughness.

08-0203-0504, Extends the curricular materials selection adoption cycle to 6 years and adds limited English proficiency to the subject area.

****08-0203-0505,** Adopts the physical education standards guidelines for Idaho's K-12 students.

IDAPA 09 - DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0093

09.01.04, Rules of the Benefit Payment Control Bureau.

09-0104-0502, Removes provision allowing offset to occur on overpayments that resulted from a fraud determination to make the rule consistent with statute.

09-0104-0503, Adds definitions for "fraud overpayment" and "non-fraud overpayment"; indicates how payments for overpayments will be applied by the department; and clarifies how payments made by claimants on overpayments with new penalties and/or accrued interest are going to be applied.

09.01.06, Rules of the Appeals Bureau.

09-0106-0501, Clarifies type of evidence that may be admitted or excluded from an appeals hearing.

09-0106-0502, Provides that if no party appears to present additional evidence at an appeal hearing, the examiner may make a decision on the existing record, and specify what that record will include.

09-0135-0509, Rules of the Employer Accounts Bureau. Eliminates from consideration on the "direction and control" test for an independent contractor whether the putative employer can terminate the worker without contractual liability.

IDAPA 10 - BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS 5535 W. Overland Road, Boise, ID 83705-2728

10-0101-0501, Rules of Procedure. Updates Board contact information; and precludes the Board from proctoring exams for another jurisdiction except for state-specific exams.

IDAPA 11 - IDAHO STATE POLICE PO Box 700, Meridian, ID 83680-0700

11-1101-0501, Rules of the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. Adds exception language to Advanced Certificate requirements; updates Level I Reserve curriculum, the certification of vocational law enforcement programs, and canine team certification.

11-1102-0501, Rules of the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training Council for Juvenile Detention Officers. Adds training and certification requirements for part-time Juvenile Detention Officers.

11-1104-0501, Rules of the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training Council for Correction Officers and Adult Probation and Parole Officers. Establishes training and certification requirements for Correction, Adult Probation, and Parole Officers.

IDAPA 16 - DEPT. OF HEALTH AND WELFARE PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

16-0210-0501, Idaho Reportable Diseases. Clarifies language; adds Norovirus as a reportable disease; and reduces reporting times for Hepatitis A, Salmonella, Shigella, and Tularemia.

16-0601-0501, Rules Governing Family and Children's Services. Deletes language that suspends or terminates adoption assistance benefits for failure to complete the annual recertification process.

16-0612-0501, Rules Governing the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP). Limits child care assistance to 3 months per year for parents looking for work.

IDAPA 18 - DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0043

18-0173-0501, Rule to Implement the Individual Health Insurance Availability Act Plan Design. New plan gives persons who may be unable to obtain coverage due to health conditions an option to purchase a high deductible plan coupled with a federally qualified Health Savings Account.

IDAPA 19 - STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY 708 1/2 W. Franklin St., Boise, ID 83702

19.01.01, Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry.

19-0101-0502, New oral conscious sedation permit allows dentists to administer medications orally rather than intravenously; consolidates and adds provisions to existing sedation rules.

19-0101-0503, Changes dentist and hygienist license renewal from an annual to biennial requirement.

IDAPA 20 - DEPARTMENT OF LANDS PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0050

****20-0201-0501, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Forest Practices Act.** Amends and clarifies stream protection rules relating to shade, large organic debris, slash removal, stream crossings, reuse of existing roads and prescribed burning within stream protection zones.

IDAPA 21 - DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES 320 Collins Road, Boise, ID 83702

21-0101-0501, Rules Governing Residency and Maintenance Charges in Idaho State Veterans Homes and Division of Veterans Services Administrative Procedure. Prohibits the possession of all weapons in state veterans' homes.

21-0102-0501, Rules Governing Emergency Relief for Veterans. Clarifies that there are no written interpretations for this chapter.

21-0103-0501, Rules Governing Medicaid Qualified Units in Idaho State Veterans Homes. Adds Medicare certification to the rule.

21-0104-0501, Rules Governing the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. Allows for an additional \$300 charge for preparation of interment site in cemetery areas where there are no pre-placed crypts.

IDAPA 25 - OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES LICENSING BOARD

1365 North Orchard, Suite 172, Boise, ID 83706

25-0101-0502, Rules of the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board. Amends and deletes definitions; indicates that temporary employment, short-term loan, or transfer of guides shall not be on a routine basis; updates language to reflect

industry changes; identifies penalty and annual license fee requirements; deletes redundancies currently in statute; clarifies application, operation, and records requirements and waiting lists and selection criteria; makes Clearwater River stickers on guide boats permanent; clarifies boundaries; identifies maximum numbers of boats to be used at any one time; and adds new river sections.

IDAPA 31 - IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074

31-6101-0501, Rules for the Measurement of Stray Current or Voltage (The Stray Voltage Rules). New chapter standardizes measurement and testing procedures to measure stray voltage and current; prescribes qualifications for those conducting and analyzing the tests; and creates forms for gathering data on voltage and current at dairies.

IDAPA 38 - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0003

38-0602-0501, Rules Governing the Idaho Emergency Communications Commission Grants. New chapter establishes rules governing the grant process.

IDAPA 57 - SEXUAL OFFENDER CLASSIFICATION BOARD

1299 N. Orchard St., Suite 110, Boise, ID 83706

57-0101-0501, Rules of the Sexual Offender Classification Board. Updates incorporation by reference; clarifies specialized training requirements for psychosexual evaluators; training standard for initial certification increased to 200 hours; makes Certified Evaluator application fees non-refundable; requires adult client evaluation reports be submitted with evaluator applications; and clarifies that offender's refusal to participate in a polygraph examination during evaluation will not be considered as failure to participate.

IDAPA 58 - DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255

58.0.101, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho.

****58-0101-0504,** Revises emission registration requirements for Title V sources by consolidating emissions registration and emissions inventories into single project; and allows emissions data submissions to be completed using a Web-based collection program. Comment by: 10/11/05.

****58-0101-0507,** Revises certain currently-listed sources that are exempt from air quality permits to construct; and increases operating hours allowed for stationary internal combustion engines used for emergency purposes. Comment by: 10/11/05.

58.01.02, Water Quality Standards and Wastewater Treatment Requirements.

58-0102-0503, Revises the HH criteria to account for revised fish consumption rates and information in the Integrated Risk Information System database on health effects; and adopts an Idaho specific cadmium aquatic life criterion. Comment by: 10/7/05.

58-0102-0504, Changes chapter name; deletes and moves sections and definitions relating to wastewater treatment to a new chapter (58.01.16); and adds required sections. Comment by: 10/5/05.

58-0108-0501, Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water System. Establishes facility and design standards for drinking water line extensions; and adds required sections. Comment by: 10/5/05.

58-0113-0502, Rules for Ore Processing by Cyanidation. Increases permit processing fees to assure compliance with state and federal law; and adds required sections. Comment by: 10/5/05.

58-0116-0501, Wastewater Rules. New chapter creates standards for design of wastewater collection system line extensions; extends wastewater land application operator compliance deadline; clarifies operator licensure requirements for different systems; and incorporates treatment requirements and definitions from Rule 58.01.02. Comment by: 10/5/05.

The Deadline For Submitting Written Comments For These Rulemakings Is September 28, 2005, Unless Otherwise Listed.

****Public Hearings Have Been Scheduled For These Dockets.**

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, September 7, 2005, Volume 05-9 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

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Jordan Valley High gives popular teacher big sendoff

by Chelicy Payne

Larry Michaels has taught at the Jordan Valley High School for 23 years. He has taught so long that he is now on his second generation of students and headed toward the third.

Through the years, he stayed and watched as each class grew older and soon left the high school. He has been through everything with Jordan Valley, from frogging to random meter stick sword fights.

Mr. Michaels taught lots of subjects in his little creature-infested classroom, anything from Art to Horticulture. Even then, the students managed to keep him entertained with hiding the meter sticks and braiding his fake palm trees.

Many of us at the high school are going to miss Mr. Michaels' goofy ways. Mr. Michaels was a good teacher. He liked to tease the students that came in as little seventh-graders. He often gave the students names, anything from Fronk to Yohonson, but most of all he enjoyed watching them transform into seniors and leaping into the new world.

The halls shall be quiet without Mr. Michaels' occasional hoop and holler echoing through the building. Or who could forget the Chemistry experiments gone wrong and stinking up the whole high school for days?

One student, Jessie White, said, "We definitely aren't going to miss his tests. But we will miss the mystery of going to class, always being prepared to give our best."

Mr. Michaels could make learning fun, but he will be remembered for his "Oh So Tough" tests. Making you use you wits was what he enjoyed most.

Students always will remember Mr. Michaels taking his students



Guest of honor

Outgoing Jordan Valley High School teacher Larry Michaels smiles while enjoying a 'roast' performed by the senior class on his last day of school.

frogging. Sometimes they went on school days, and sometimes they went on weekends. But one thing was for sure: They had a lot of good stories to tell.

However, Mr. Michaels left the high school a happy man. He has recently married and will move with his new wife, Karen, to Washington. We shall all miss him dearly.

To send Mr. Michaels off, the high school had a goodbye party during Friday's lunch break. Mr. Michaels was presented with a yearbook full of signatures and entertained with a "roast" performed by the senior class.

We can only hope that for all the years that Mr. Michaels has lived here in Jordan Valley with us crazy hicks, that he won't forget how he truly left something in all our hearts.

So, good luck, Mr. Michaels, and may you enjoy Washington as much as you have enjoyed Jordan Valley.



Wrecked

Above: A Homedale police officer looks at the wreckage for a Chevrolet SSR after an accident Monday night that left two people injured. Canyon County Sheriff's deputies would not release any names pending an ongoing investigation. **Below:** Homedale Ambulance members Donna and Wes Barnard inspect the Chevrolet SSR that was involved in a single-vehicle accident on Quartz Road near Homedale.

Accidents plague holiday weekend

Four unrelated accidents kept local emergency crews busy during the final holiday weekend of the summer.

On Aug. 30, Melvin L. Walker, 58 of Boise was seriously injured in a one vehicle rollover on Highway 51 near Bruneau. Air ambulance transported Walker to a Boise hospital.

On Sept. 4, a one-vehicle rollover near the Loveridge Bridge sent seven people to a hospital in Boise. Idaho State Police spokesman Rick Ohnsman said alcohol is expected to have been involved in the accident.

Ohnsman said Randall Karl Werschky, 28 of Mountain Home was driving north on Highway 51 when he lost control of his 1993 white GMC Jimmy rolling the vehicle. He said Amanda Clegg, 23, Robert Cornford, 19, Brian Laparte, 27, Chasity Bybee, 18, David Strauch, 22 and Amanda Martinez, 18 were passengers in the vehicle and were taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise with injuries. All of the passengers



were treated and released by Tuesday morning. Werschky was listed in stable condition Tuesday also in St. Als.

Ohnsman said two of the passengers were wearing seatbelts, but the other five were not. He said citations are pending as the accident is still under investigation.

The accident also ignited a range fire, which was quickly extinguished.

Later that day at about 11:30 a.m., emergency crews responded to the Silver City road for a motorcyclist who was injured when he collided head on with a pickup truck. Chad P. Rohde, 24 of Caldwell was air ambulated with injuries to his hand, leg and head.

On Labor Day at about 10:25 a.m., Timothy W. Morgan, 47 of Nampa was transported by air ambulance from injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident on Tiddie Creek Trail.

Reports state that Morgan received injuries to his ribs, wrist and head.

Monday evening, Homedale Ambulance crews responded to a one-vehicle accident on Quartz Road in Canyon County. A female driver and a male passenger were taken by personal vehicle to a local hospital from injuries they received. The names and details of the accident were not available at press-time from the Canyon County Sheriff's Office. Officers on the scene said the accident is still under investigation, but alcohol was being checked for.

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Looking back...

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50 years ago

September 8, 1955

Gem Dist. board sets 1956 levies

The Gem Irrigation District board met at their office Tuesday afternoon to se the levy for the coming year.

The operation and maintenance on Unit No. 1 was set at \$4.50 and on Unit No. 2 at \$4.75. Construction levy was set at \$2.10 per acre.

The levy in Homedale was set at \$3.10 per 25 foot lot and \$10.35 per acre. In Marsing the levy is \$3.10 per lot and \$11.25 per acre. This includes the Homedale and Marsing levies set by city boards.

Vacation over, school begins 720 enrolled

Classes began at Homedale Tuesday with a total enrollment of 720 pupils, according to Supt. Of Schools Charles Zollinger.

The school rooms are in good shape as all have been completely cleaned and the high school redecorated in a lovely color scheme to the delight of the students.

The two grade school buildings have also undergone a few changes. The grounds are landscaped with flowers and shrubbery very pleasing to the eye, and posts numbered from 1-8 were set up for bus stops to save confusion of children as to which bus to take.

Orville Soper, Allen George elected to school board

Only a scattering of school patrons turned out to vote in the trustee election Tuesday afternoon at the Homedale high school.

Orville Soper received 18 write in votes to be elected trustee of District No. 4, and Allen George 16 votes to top District No. 2.

Both trustees will serve three year terms on the board of trustees of school district No. 370.

Runners-up in District No. 4 were Phillip Moulton, 8; Dr. William G. Reimer, 6; Howard Bergeson, 7 and Dr. Merwin Funk, 1.

In District No. 2: Edwin Stansell ran a close second with 13 votes; Mrs. Bonnie Smith, 4; John Jesenko, 2 and Frank Cohee 1.

Mrs. Dora Upton, Mrs. Valla Taggart and Mrs. Kathryn Matteson officiated at the election.

News about town

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Evans and son Randy and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Drum Sunday. Films of the family were shown.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Drum served refreshments of cake and ice cream to Mr. and Mrs. Dorwin Drum and Ginger and Mr. and Mrs. Poke Henson and children in honor of Mrs. Dowrin Drum’s birthday which was Tuesday.

A girls was born to Mrs. Bob Halbert Saturday morning at the Memorial hospital, Caldwell. She weighted 7 pounds, 6 ounces at birth and was named Bobbi Jean.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Mace and Peggy were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and children, Winnemucca, Nev., and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Phifer and three children, Madras, Ore. The two visiting families also visited with their grandmother, Mrs. Martha McDowell.

Lewis Bicandi returned to Pasco, Wash., Monday following a four day visit with his mother Mrs. Henrietta Bicandi and sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Uranga and children. Mrs. Bicandi, who was also here, stayed to visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Russ Johnston.

Mrs. Nancy Weaver spent the weekend at Salem, Ore., with her husband’s sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ector and three week old son Doug. While in Salem Mrs. Weaver attended the Helene Hughes review at the Oregon state fair Sunday night and the horse races Monday afternoon. Dewey Henshaw, who graduated from Homedale high school this spring was riding there. He said he would accompany Jim Nazworthy to Nevada soon.

Houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver last week were their son Orde Weaver, wife and two children, Jack and Jane of Waco, Tex.

138 years ago

September 7, 1867

WE LEARN from the Virginia Trespass of Aug. 29th that Camp McDermit has been ordered a three Company post – to be under the command of Capt. McElroy. A Company of Infantry is en route from California to relieve the Cavalry Company now at Fort Churchill, which will proceed to Camp McDermit.

CHICO MAIL. Previous to the 1st of July, Postmaster Clemmens, of Silver City, was notified that a weekly mail service had been let from Silver City to Chico, known as mail route No. 15,712. It appears that a certain (or uncertain) F. P. Benjamin, of St. Louis, Missouri, was the contractor, and according to the intelligence received the first mail on said route was to have departed from Silver City on the 1st of July. In case the contractor failed to begin as required, we understand that Mr. Clemmens was authorized to employ temporary service. We do not know the reason way Mr. Benjamin has failed to carry the mail, but some people have such a mania to obtain contracts that they will bid lower, and stipulate to carry mails for smaller sums than for which the service can be rendered, thus keeping out responsible parties who would perform the service for a reasonable remuneration.

Three are a number of settlements along the Chico Route which have as much right to mail facilities as any people in Uncle Sam’s domain. Among such we may mention White Horse Valley, Camp C. F. Smith, the Vicksburn Mines, that are beginning to attract attention, Summit Lake settlement and Camp McGary, besides ranches every few miles along the road – all of which are now deprived of mail service which is justly their due.

For some time there existed a rivalry between the Chico and Humboldt Routes as to which should be the principal mail route from California and Nevada to Idaho; but now, since we have a daily mail service on the Humboldt, and as it is demonstrated and fixed for all time to come to be the route, we think it should not be extolled to the utter exclusion of mail facilities to the people along the Chico Road.

LIVELY TIMES in our burg now. House burning, burglaries, pugilistic performances, gambling, swindling, such as tock operations, and encounters with “bears” and “bulls” dealing “top stock” on unsuspecting honesty, &c., enticing “young men from the country” into back rooms, or alleys still farther back; where a does of paregoric, of something else is administered causing their eyelids to become suddenly heavy and in loss time that if three they fall into the ‘arms of amorphous,” and when the appointed time arrives, wake up with a sort of vague idea of an indefinite performance called rolling, of which less of greenbacks (acquisition of graybacks) and other personal property forms an important part. All sorts of doings by American men, foreigners and other Chinamen. Lively – oh, no; guess not!

THE HOMBRE charged with stealing some horses from Boonville a few days ago has been captured in Boise City, brought back, and is now in jail awaiting trial.

A PUBLIC READING will be given in the Court House, in Silver, on Saturday evening, Sept. 14th, by Mrs. L. P. Higbee (Lisie Lester) A programme will be published in the Avalanche next Saturday. This lady is celebrated for her high attainments as a reader. She has delighted audiences throughout Nevada and California, and will do so here. It is by repeated solicitations she has consented to give a public reading, and we predict a full house, and a full money’s worth to all in attendance. Our space forbids further mention now.

PETIT LARCENY. A few days ago some wood-choppers, employed by Mr. Farneman, on Jordan Creek, were encamped in the woods, and while absent during the day, at only a short distance from camp, some Indians

slipped in and carried off their grub, blankets, carpet sacks, &c. The Lo family appear to think at present, that stealing is a safer opposition than assassination.

NEW DISCOVERY. Adam Assall and Wm. Pierson last week discovered a ledge on Florida Mountain, within sight of town. They call it the New Castle. It is almost eighteen inches wide on top, yielding some very rich pay ore. They have gone down some six or seven feet and have taken out some five tuns of ore. Adam feels well over it – says he has struck it at last.

WE VISITED THE POTOSI mine on Thursday. It is very conveniently located, being not more than 400 yards back of our office. The shaft was sunk 40 feet on the ledge, at which depth was back. The company then run a tunnel on hundred feet, which tapped the shaft at the bottom, showing a ledge two and a half feet wide with about fifteen inches or rich pay ore, a greater portion of which is composed of black and palpates, with specks of gold plainly visible throughout. The tunnel and shaft are large and substantially timbered. The tunnel is being extended further into the mountain on the ledge and they are stopping out above at the same time. An excellent road is completed to the mouth of the tunnel, where there is a commodious yard on which are several tuns of ore that makes one glad to look at. The ore is being hauled to the Webfoot mill which will commence crushing it as soon as some slight repairs on the machinery are completed, which will occupy two or three days. In our opinion, the Potosi will soon be classed among the best paying mines in Owyhee.

Since the above was in type, Messrs. Peck, Cope & Co. sent for us to visit the Potosi in haste. Found them taking out bucketful after bucketfuls of ore all glistening with gold and horn silver. We certainly never saw such a quantity or rich ore on a dump pile. In fact, it is a second Poorman in richness, and the lucky owners have struck their eternal fortune.

STAGE ROADS, &c. The latter part of last week Hill Beachey transfers his stock and stages to the new road via the Forks of Owyhee. He made one trip thereon and found its anticipated advantages greatly below his expectations immediately retransferred his stock and stages, and is again running as fast and smoothly as ever on the old road, which can be considerably improved by grading in a few places, and some cutoffs that can be made. Beachey’s returning to the old road will encourage the people to make improvements thereon, which we understand they will immediately begin and complete before winter sets in.

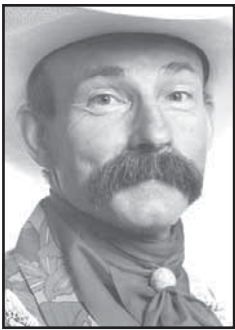
Without a doubt, the distance on the old road, between the Owyhee Ferry and Camp McDermit, can be very much shortened. It runs at present on the trail made by parties who came to Owyhee early spring of 1864. Being not well acquainted with the country, they meandered round on ridges, over plains, &c., hardly knowing which way to go. Now, a road can be got almost in a straight-line from the Owyhee Ferry to Camp McDermit, lessening the present distance 20 to 25 miles; and, in fact, taking all circumstances into consideration, it is the most natural and best road by which our mines can be reached from Humboldt.

We are of the opinion that the road via the Forks of Owyhee will never repay its owners for the amount of money it would require to build a good road, for the reason that we believe, even were it completed now, that the travel would not stay on it longer than a couple of years; because, from what we can learn from men who are posted on the country, there is a practical route from Flint via the headwaters of the Owyhee, passing entirely east of the present routes, and tapping the railroad at the nearest point from Owyhee, which will probably not exceed 130 miles. Passengers can then come from San Francisco to Silver City in less than two days! Owyhee will then be the gate way to Idaho Territory, and as a great and rich mining camp will be second to none on the Pacific Coast.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Persistence

Persistence in the face of adversity, a sign of inner strength, a thick skull or desperation.

We were driving back to see the folks in Oklahoma and passed a snapshot of persistence in the face of adversity. A well-used pickup was parked on the edge of a lawn next to the road. There was a homemade “For Sale” sign on the windshield and the hood was up. A man dressed in sweat pants and a T-shirt was attaching jumper cables to the battery. Another man, possibly a potential buyer, looked on, arms crossed and a scowl on his face. He didn’t look impressed. You could almost hear the owner saying, “Like new, one owner, rebuilt engine, good tires” — then leaping in the cab, the slow grind then clicking into silence. As we drove by, my wife said sympathetically, “What a drag.”

I had a hard day last week, spilled a sack of popcorn in the Suburban, had a flat tire on the wheelbarrow, let the stock tank run over, and didn’t get a thing done I had planned that morning. But I was going roping, so I hooked up the trailer, saddled my horse and started to load him. Suddenly I noticed he was limping. “What a drag.”

We have a motto here at the ranchito. “Nada es facil” — Nothing is easy.

Yesterday, we were putting up Mexican clay tiles on the shop roof. Lacking three lines to finish, I drove an hour to town only to find they only had pans, no covers; bottoms, no tops. The whole town was out of them, so I bought 80 bottoms, which means we had to drill holes in 40 to use them as covers. That ruined my masonry bits — so back to town. Persistence.

Dig a 3-foot posthole by hand, then find it’s 1 foot off the property line. Cuss, exhale and dig another one. Save your best heifer, breed her to the neighbor’s best bull. Keep her with the small bunch closer to the house. Watch her bag up, then find her and her new calf both dead 1 mile from the house. “What a drag.”

Bow yer neck and keep goin’. That has been the name of the game in farming and ranching since Noah planted the first row of corn. I’ve watched hard-workin’ folks push through, around, over and by obstacles, shoulder to the wheel, nose to the grindstone, third down and 10. Get knocked down — git back up.

Little things like runnin’ out of staples two hours from the hardware store, or big things like floods, hurricanes, blizzards and Parkinson’s disease.

We all enjoy seeing fellow humans win the lotto, survive a wreck unscathed or make a good bronc ride. But it is our resilience, our quiet courage, our persistence in the face of adversity that gets children raised, wars won and lets good guys finish first now and then.

The human spirit is made of rawhide. The heat of battle makes it hard, tears make it soft.

Joe Aman

Editor’s notebook



Fair board plans illegal meeting

The Owyhee County Fair Board has announced it will hold its monthly meeting at the home of its chairman, Joe Merrick, in Oreana this Friday. The announcement also states the board will conduct business at this social setting (a potluck is planned, too).

The chairman — and all board members, for that matter — should realize that such a meeting is in violation of Idaho law (I.C. 22-204).

The code reads: “The county fair board shall conduct all of its business at the place designated by the board of county commissioners as the place for conducting the county fair, which shall be the place of business of the county fair board.”

Here we go again with more initiatives to give special treatment to certain property, when it comes to taxing rates.

According to The Associated Press, a second initiative to give homeowners even more tax exemptions was filed last week. This petition would limit taxes on property used as the primary residence to 1 percent of value. It would also roll back the values to the 2002 level and limit increases in value to 2 percent a year.

An earlier proposal of an initiative is to cap property taxes for all types of property at 1 percent of value, freeze and then cap values, and make lots of other changes (the proposal is nearly 100 pages in length) to the state’s taxing laws.

I have a question for the folks pushing for these and other tax relief efforts: Where is the needed tax money going to come from?

Idaho has a unique, balanced solid taxing structure. Sure, there are faults and shortcomings. But it’s a balanced tax formula (or at least it was until special exemptions began cropping up).

Giving homeowners exemptions several years ago upset that balance. The revenues not collected (50 percent to every resident homeowner in the state) were shifted to other properties, including farms and businesses. The farmers cried “foul,” and the legislators listened. There are all kinds of tax breaks for farmers now. So that leaves commercial properties to pick up even more of the load.

Now come even more proposals for exemptions for homeowners. And we expect one of them to become law.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, we stopped in a town about 70 miles distant to grab a bite to eat at one of the restaurants listed in our discount entertainment guide.

The restaurant didn’t look like much on the outside, but there was a fairly large group of Sunday diners and the placemats said the café had been there since 1961. We figured it couldn’t be that bad.

Roxie, our waitress, told us it had been a real hectic day and she already had waited on 14 tables. My partner ordered the turkey dinner, and I opted for a reasonably priced rib eye steak. The steak came with either soup or salad. I asked Roxie what kind of soup they had. She said she didn’t know. Since she had waited on 14 tables and no one had ordered soup, I opted for the salad.

The salad bar didn’t have a lot to choose from, but

The fair board must, by law, meet at the fairgrounds; not the extension office, not the courthouse, and certainly not at a private home.

The fair board is a public entity, a part of the county government; it is not a social club, nor does it function at the whims of its members.

There are laws and rules to which it must adhere, and the place of conducting the business of the fair is one of those laws.

If the board wants to hold a social event, fine. But the business of the fair board must be conducted at the place for conducting the county fair. It’s not our opinion, it’s the law.

There’s too many homeowners who vote who will jump at the opportunity to cut their tax bill.

But have we really thought about the overall long-range picture?

In Owyhee County, the 2005 real and personal market value of property totals \$354,608,481. However, nearly 20 percent — \$67,349,655 — is exempted from taxation by the homeowners’ exemption. These exempt taxes are spread over onto the other \$287,258,826 worth of property. In other words, the 80 percent of property taxed at the full rate is picking up the difference of the exempted property. It’s simply a shift in the tax burden.

In the Homedale school district (Owyhee County portion), the exemption is more than 26 percent of the taxable market value.

Any expansion of the homeowners’ exemption would further throw the balance out of kilter.

The absurd proposal to limit all property taxes to 1 percent of value would break the counties, school, cemetery, highway, road, fire districts and cities throughout the state.

Our local governments need a solid, predictable source of income. Property taxes have proven over the years to be that source. An economy-based tax, such as more reliance on sales tax, will not provide that stability. And tinkering with exemptions will further erode that system.

Instead of altering a system that works, citizens need to get involved in their local government. Are they spending your money wisely? Can certain expenses be cut or even eliminated? You have a voice in these decisions. Use it.

everything appeared fairly fresh. Filling our bowls was complicated somewhat by a ceiling-mounted swamp cooler vent that was pumping out 40 mph gusts of cool air. The one advantage of the blast was it made it difficult for the flies to land.

While we were eating our salads, Roxie came by and picked up our partially empty water carafe. She took it to her station, started to refill it with ice and water, then suddenly disappeared. Several minutes later, one of the other waitresses asked the cashier where Roxie had gone. Nobody seemed to know. A little later Roxie, reappeared and walked by our table.

“Where did your water go?” she asked, seemingly

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



Commentary

Letters to the editor

County’s financial woes warrant change in government

If you have been reading the Owyhee Avalanche, you will see the county is in very bad financial shape, according to the county commissioners. I would like to know how you go from a million dollars in carryover funds to \$90,000 in two years. Could this be from the incompetence in the clerk’s office or the commissioners’ office?

I can’t understand how this could happen when the clerk and the commissioners have two individuals who are costing the county in excess of \$130,000 per year for their advice. Fred Grant has been paid by the county \$466,000 over the last five years. Jim Desmond is paid over \$38,000 per year on a contract.

Instead of cutting the budget of the Sheriff to balance the budget, why don’t the commissioners eliminate these two advisory positions and take the balance from the clerk’s office where the problem started? When the new clerk took office, she was given a raise in excess of the assessor and the treasurer. I don’t think incompetence warrants a raise, but on the other hand the commissioners seem to thrive on incompetence.

It’s time to fill these positions with competent people, and the primary election is not that far away.

Lonnie Wright
Murphy

Give Americans a tax break for their dependency on oil


As the oil corporations continue to gain favors from our government, perhaps the IRS should give us tax credits for our oil dependency. Perhaps they should give us credit for two or more additional dependents.

Amusingly, tongue-in-cheek, our government, which claims the Iraq war is not about oil, originally titled our invasion as Operation Iraqi Liberation (OIL), but after a few months changed it to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Not too many acknowledge the fact that we were Saddam Hussein’s ally up until he nationalized Iraq’s oil wells. Exxon, Mobil, et al, said, “God forbid we don’t owe anything to any country that we are tapping their oil wells.”

We are an oil-dependent country, therefore, we need to receive dependent credits and/or tax rebates and more credit for utilizing solar, wind and/or biodiesel/agricultural power.

Rohn Webb
Melba



Something on your mind?

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Our rights

Court decision shifts eminent domain focus to states

by Frank Priestley

A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision has changed the definition of eminent domain, leaving private property vulnerable to government seizure. This decision defies the U.S. Constitution and should be regarded as a serious threat to all property owners.

In *Kelo v. City of New London*, a New London, Conn., homeowner sued the city for the right to keep her home, which the city had seized under eminent domain with the intent of letting a private developer turn the area into a hotel, health club and office complex. The Supreme Court on June 23 ruled 5-4 in favor of New London, allowing local governments to seize private property in the interest of economic development.

The Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states that private property cannot be taken for public use without just compensation. The Constitution establishes a baseline, and now it is up to individual states to create legislation that will allow local governments to continue to use eminent domain, but only as it was intended.

In light of the decision several states, including Idaho, are considering legislation that goes above and beyond the baseline established by the U.S. Constitution.

Taking private property from one landowner and giving it to another simply for economic development is not a “public use” as required under the Constitution. We understand when government needs to use eminent domain



Frank Priestley

to build roads, schools or other public buildings. However, the government should not be able to tear down someone’s house and force them to relocate to make room for a new store or hotel, and that’s what this decision allows.

The good news is that we can undo the effects of this decision by changing our state and local laws. It’s important for anyone who owns property to urge their state legislators and county commissioners to make sure that eminent domain is only used for public purposes and not to benefit large corporations.

Protecting private property has been a Farm Bureau priority throughout its long history. And protecting private property is one of a handful of key issues that unites virtually all private property owners regardless of geography, crop specialty or political affiliation.

In her dissent to the *Kelo* decision, Justice Sandra Day O’Connor wrote: “All private property is now vulnerable to being taken and transferred to another private owner so long as it might be upgraded. The specter of condemnation hangs over all property. Nothing is to prevent local governments from replacing any Motel 6 with a Ritz Carlton, any home with a shopping mall, or any farm with a factory.”

In response to this threat, Farm Bureau has launched the Stop Taking Our Property (STOP) campaign to educate the public on what the *Kelo* decision means and what they can do to ensure their property will not be taken to benefit another private investor.

For more information, contact the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation.

— Frank Priestley is president of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation.

√ Cornell

surprised that the carafe wasn’t on the table. When I told her she had taken it, Roxie looked rather troubled and disappeared again.

Meanwhile, my mate had discovered there were pieces of dried food between the tines of her fork. Since Roxie still was missing, she slipped over to an unoccupied table and found a fork somewhat cleaner than the one initially issued.

About 30 minutes after ordering, the food arrived. The gravy on my partner’s mashed potatoes was sort of a bright yellow. Picking at the gravy with her fork, she discovered the yellow was sort of a hardened layer that had “set up” over more normal-colored gravy underneath. The turkey looked like ... well, I’m not sure what it looked like.

The piece of meat on my plate did not look like a rib eye steak. It looked like an overly thick leather shoe sole that had been kept in a freezer for about five years, then was thrown, still frozen, into a frying pan full of melted lard. It tasted worse than it looked. I have a reputation for never meeting a piece of steak I didn’t like. But I had never been to this particular restaurant. However, the flies that converged on my plate seemed to think the steak was excellent.

Earlier in the meal, Roxie had come by and told my partner she was supposed to get a roll with her turkey.

About the same time we decided we could not eat what was on our plates — a teenage girl wandered through the dining area with a roll on a saucer repeating “White roll? White roll?” When she passed our table we disavowed having any knowledge of who was supposed to get the roll — it was supposed to be whole wheat, anyhow..

We told the cashier Roxie hadn’t given us a check. The cashier told us to go find Roxie — who had disappeared again. We finally found her sitting on a bench outside the restaurant, smoking a cigarette, with her head in her hands between puffs. As she gave us our ticket she mumbled something about being tired of being yelled at, etc.

Because we had an entertainment discount, some high math was involved in computing the bill. While two waitresses were doing independent calculations out loud, confusing each other, a bearded gentleman who appeared to be a “regular” at the bar identified himself as “Tigger.” He said he was 72 years old and had been in the service at “the very end of World War II.” I was tempted to point out would mean Tigger was defending the country at age 12. But I let the matter pass and gave him my best nod of false admiration.

The bill, with discount and tip, came to \$12. We could have complained about the inedible meal, but I noticed Roxie had never once come to our table and ask, “How is everything?”, suggesting she didn’t want to hear the answer. Besides, you don’t often get that much entertainment for 12 bucks these days.

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