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Commissioners adopt county budget

After nearly an hour of discussion, the Owyhee County Commissioners unanimously approved the proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 last Tuesday morning. The \$6,520,308 budget was accepted without change.

Two people, other than the elected officials, attended

No changes made from published proposal

the hearing. They were Mary O'Malley and Joe Aman.

Commissioner Hal Tolmie stated he was against spending

any PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) money for current expense. His reasoning was that the federal government could cut

off the payments at any time, and depending on these funds would put the county in a tight position. He added, however, that this year's PILT payment of \$750,000 was used to help fund the present proposed current expense budget. He said the \$733,000 in a trust fund was set aside to

build a lunch room for county employees. Commissioner Chris Salove disagreed, stating that the fund was not for a lunch room, but for a meeting room and a climate-controlled record storage.

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W. Nile found in county resident

An Owyhee County man has tested positive for the West Nile virus, becoming the seventh person in Idaho — and third in the six counties of Southwest District Health — to be infected. A female in Gem County also has tested positive for the disease. Both people experienced typical symptoms of the virus, were hospitalized and are now recovering at home.

In addition to the seven human cases, Idaho has reported 47 horse cases — including one in Owyhee County — 10 infected birds and 17 positive mosquito pools.

Laurie Boston from Southwest District Health said only about 20 percent of those infected with the virus when bitten by an infected mosquito experience mild flu-like symptoms, such as fever, body aches, swollen lymph nodes, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and sometimes a mild rash. Less than 1 percent of people infected

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Trojans win Milk Jug game

Homedale High School football player Kyle Carson holds the "Milk Jug" above his head after the Trojans defeated Parma 28-0 on Friday night at Deward Bell Stadium. The "Milk Jug" is awarded to the winner of the annual Homedale-Parma football game. The celebration continues this week at Homedale with homecoming. Marsing High School also is observing homecoming this week. For more on football victories for Homedale and Marsing, see the Sports section. For more on both schools' homecoming plans, see Page 9A. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

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Marsing passes school levy

For two years in a row, the Marsing School District has had to pass an emergency levy to receive additional funds to operate, and officials are citing over-population as the reason.

Last week, district board members unanimously approved the levy during a special meeting. The levy will raise taxes in the district again, but district superintendent Harold Shockley said the levy is a necessity to adequately operate the district for the next year.

Last year, attendance was up by nearly 70 students, and this year Shockley said although the average daily attendance (ADA) is only up by about 28 students, the numbers do not really show the increase Marsing School District has taken. He said when all is said and done, the district could see an increase of about 100 students.

"We have been monitoring our attendance and enrollment very closely for the first 10 days of the school year," Shockley told the board. "It has been up and down and took a while to get our

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The heart of Owyhee

County residents show compassion by helping out those in need

Homedale man helps in New Orleans

A 20-year resident of Homedale has decided to pitch in with recovery efforts in New Orleans, which is reeling in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Elias Garcia, a 44-year-old fire crew boss with the Bureau of Land Management station in Vale, Ore., left for Louisiana early last Wednesday, according to his stepdaughter, Raycel Sortor.

“We’re very proud of him,” Sortor said.

Garcia, whose wife, Tamra, is the daughter of longtime Homedale residents Boyd and Betty Eoff, never has been involved in rescue and recovery in the wake of a major natural disaster, his stepdaughter said.

Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, all but flattening parts of Biloxi, Miss., and causing massive damage and triggering a mass exodus in New Orleans. New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin has estimated “thousands” of people could have perished in the floodwaters brought to the low-lying city by Katrina.

While his mission technically is rescue and recovery, Garcia more than likely will be engaging in a strict recovery mission.

“He realizes that,” Sortor said. “He just wants to bring people home so they can be put to rest.”

— JB

Marsing middle schoolers raise \$1,000 for the victims of Hurricane Katrina

Marsing Middle School students have turned a previous subject of study into the inspiration to help victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and Louisiana.

In a one-week fund-raiser that ended Thursday, the students were able to raise \$1,050.50, which was donated to the Red Cross in a ceremony at the school Tuesday morning.

“One reason that our kids responded so well was that last year, we did an extensive study of Louisiana with them,” service learning class teacher Michelle Ross said in an e-mail. “Although it was a terrible event, the kids were so engaged since they had a great background.”

Part of the lesson learned during the study of New Orleans and Louisiana, Ross said, was the consequences of New Orleans being situated in a geographical “bowl” if a major hurricane struck.

The fund-raiser spread to the entire school, Ross said, when her service learning class challenged their schoolmates to

raise money.

The money was raised through the efforts of small “advisory classes,” which are groups of students spanning all grades at the school that meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays to ease the transition into middle school. The specific challenge was for each advisory class to raise an average of \$2 for every student in the group.

Ross said most groups raised funds simply by bringing money from home. One class organized a bake sale. The class that brings in the most money will be

honored with a Oreo cookie party hosted by Ross. Another perk was a volleyball game against a team of teachers that was played Tuesday.

“I also e-mailed our challenge out to the other adults in the district, and some of them donated,” Ross said. “We really appreciated their support.”

Ross’ father is a Red Cross volunteer helping with recovery in New Orleans. She said part of his job is distributing water, food and other necessities at the airport.



Benefit

A booth was set up during last weekend’s community yard sale to benefit local teenager Samuel Page who nearly drowned during a family vacation this summer. Proceeds from the sale will be used to help Page with medical bills and in his recovery.

Community rallies to help injured HHS sophomore

The potato feed and auction staged to benefit Homedale High School student Jonathan Page brought in about \$3,600 Saturday night at the high school cafeteria, according to one of the event’s organizers.

Brenda Paxton, a teacher at the high school, helped put together the benefit for the sophomore who



Jonathan Page

was seriously injured while on summer vacation in Tulsa, Okla.

“The fund-raiser exceed every expectation that I had,” Paxton said in a release.

The \$3,600 total included a \$500 matching grant from a Mennonite organization, Paxton said.

A booth also was set up at the Homedale Community Yard Sale in Riverside Park on Saturday, but no figures from that were available.

Jonathan Page, the son of Samuel and Robyn Page, continues his recovery at the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

Other organizers for Saturday’s benefit included Homedale Elementary School teacher Cheryl Calzacorta and high school instructor Mark Thatcher.

Contributions still can be made to a benefit bank account set up at the Homedale branch of U.S. Bank.

Paxton runs the drama club at the high school, and Jonathan performed in a play last year.

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Breeding ground

John Salove’s business, The Sand Bar Restaurant, overlooks an inlet from the Snake River. Moss stands on top of the water, which has caused Salove to ask Marsing city officials to address the problem with the recent diagnosis of West Nile in a horse and in a local man.

Standing water worries restaurateur

Marsing business owner John Salove plans to ask the City of Marsing to do something about a mosquito breeding ground located just below his restaurant near Marsing Island Park. Salove, owner of the Sand Bar Restaurant, said he would address the city council tonight and ask councilmembers to do something about the river inlet because of the potential of mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus and because of the unsightliness of the water.

A county man recently was diagnosed with West Nile, and a horse reportedly has died from the disease. “It used to be a true island

there,” Salove said Monday. “When they put in the new bridge, they filled the middle of it and that is why it is not an island anymore. “The river comes around a point and the water just kind of stagnates there. The only fresh water that it gets is any springs coming out of the bank below the Sandbar and from the overflow. I want at the lower end of the island to be blocked off, and we could have

another pond with some carp or something to keep the moss down.” Salove said he has had some complaints about mosquitoes from customers who sit on the deck of his business that overlooks the river. He said he has been able to use citronella, but pesticides cannot be used because of the restaurant. The Marsing City Council will meet at 7 tonight at City Hall.

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Candidates for fall elections can file papers

Three Owyhee County cities are preparing for upcoming city council elections this fall. Homedale and Grand View each will have three seats open, and Marsing will have two open seats. Idaho sets most municipal elections in odd-numbered years. However, election campaigns won’t likely start until after the end of the candidacy filing period. State law sets the filing period for city offices as the two weeks between Friday, Sept. 16, and Friday, Sept. 30. Elections in Homedale will be for positions held by Dave Downum, who was appointed to replace Charles Garrison. Councilperson Cindy Sims’ seat will be up for election, as will longtime councilman Kevin Barlow. Downum’s seat is a two-year term, and Barlow and Sims’ seats are four-year terms. Officials at Homedale City Hall said several election packets have been given out to potential candidates, but they cannot file until Friday. Aaron Tines of Homedale stated that he intends to run for a four-year term.

Downum said he intends to run for another term. Barlow and Sims could not be reached for comment. In Marsing, two council seats — both filled by appointed councilpersons — will be open for election. Rob Howarth and Tony Purtell hold four-year terms. Howarth was appointed to replace current Mayor Don Osterhoudt, and Purtell was appointed after councilperson Jennifer Finlay resigned. In Grand View, three council seats will be up for election. Derron Frederick’s term has expired, and two appointed positions will be filled. Josh Pittsley resigned from the council in June. No one could be reached at Grand View City Hall before press time to confirm who replaced Pittsley. Pittsley replaced Frieda Mathews, who moved in February last year. Pat Price, who replaced George Martin, was appointed in February and will have to run for election to keep the position. All three seats carry four-year terms.

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P&Z panel plans permit hearing for youth ranch

Two contractors are proposing a large-scale project that could house up to 900 troubled teenagers on a large cattle ranch near Homedale. Now, in anticipation of a large turnout of concerned citizens, the county planning and zoning board will hold a public hearing on the project at 10 a.m. Oct. 5 at the community center in Marsing on the project.

The 4,000-acre ranch would include a cattle-feeding operation and would house troubled youths ages 13 to 18, to whom high school classes would be offered.

An overview of the proposal is provided in the project summary submitted by Team One Ranch. The project was presented as the Team One Ranch for Youth, which is being developed by Rand Yager and Rick Echevarria. The review stated that the educational program would be designed to complete state requirements for a high school diploma, and the common goal is for all youth at the ranch to develop personal responsibility, learn vocational skills and complete an education with emphasis on college preparation or technical training.

“The ranch will offer a high school education and instill the values of accountability, self-esteem, responsibility and trust through a community atmosphere, counseling and steady ranch work with livestock,” according to the overview.

The ranch is projected to be more than 4,000 acres, of which 3,000 are adjoining acres. The land is currently under signed purchase and sale agreements. It will accommodate separate categories of youths, with one group falling into guidelines established and overseen by the Department of Juvenile Corrections. Youth ordered by the court to be held for adult criminal proceedings may be eligible for admission to the ranch on a case-by-case basis.

Another category for acceptance is a fee-based private sector school, which apparently would be kept separate from the juvenile facility.

“One thousand of the 4,000 acres lie to the south,” the summary states. “This working cow ranch is approximately 20 miles across BLM range land, with 1,700 AUM permit

on 10,000 acres, still within Owyhee County. State land borders on the east and south sides for approximately 1 mile and the south side is bordered by BLM property for over half-mile on the 3,000-acre ranch.”

The projection claims the development will run cattle drives between locations as needed and it states that ample water is available on the properties for irrigation, livestock, a waste treatment plant as well as all facility needs.

Developers say the ranch could employ hundreds of workers, making it one of the largest employers in Owyhee County.

The filed application for a conditional use permit states that the project would positively impact Owyhee County and the surrounding area by increasing the tax base through about a 20 percent increase in private sector employment.

“The ranch will ultimately be one of the largest employers in the region,” the summary says. “With a 900-youth capacity, approximately 420 full-time employees will be required. As youth population increases,

so will the need for full-time employees. Focusing on all needs for these youth, employees will be added as needed to ensure each youth has every opportunity to succeed.”

Teachers, teaching staff and other employees will be hired. Some teens will have a determinant sentence from the courts, but those who need, or want, to stay after their sentence is served, may be allowed to do so until the age of 18.

“There may be many reasons for this, such as, youth from troubled homes, parental substance abuse and so forth,” the summary states.

A security force will be employed with about 74 full-time security personnel. Dorms, vocational training areas, classrooms and cafeterias will be within a security-fenced area with 24-hour manned watch within the complex.

Site 1, located near the corner of Poison Creek and Hogg Road is the projected site of the information center. Six additional sites are located west of Site 1, ending near the Poison Creek Stage Station. Included in the

sites will be an administration building, central medical building, indoor arena, central swimming pool, wastewater treatment plant, girls dorm, classroom, gymnasium, cafeteria, library, computer center, vocational, small indoor arena, athletic field, heavy equipment and machinery storage, ranch vehicle and small equipment storage, maintenance shop and vocation, central fueling station and wash bays, fire station, boys dorm and central security, vocational building, warehouse, cold storage, athletic field and commercial laundry.

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Correction

The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly reported the name of massage therapist Stacy Fisher’s business in a story published on Sept. 7. The name of her company, located at 6 W. Owyhee Ave., is Rapha Therapeutic Massage. Fisher said “rapha” is a Hebrew word meaning, “cause to heal.”

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✓ Virus

develop a serious illness, such as encephalitis or meningitis. Nationwide this year, 821 cases have been reported as of Sept. 6. Eighteen people have died.

Boston said the southwest region, which includes six counties, has the highest number of reported cases. She said although horses can receive an

injection to protect them from the disease, humans could not.

“With the hunting season quickly approaching and until the first freeze, we especially advise hunters to protect themselves and their horses against mosquito bites,” said Jan Edmonds, division administrator for Family Health Services at Southwest District Health. She said people older than 50 or people with underlying medical conditions should take special

precautions to be protected.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is recommending equine owners have their horses vaccinated against the West Nile virus.

To date, the ISDA Animal Health Lab, which tests for West Nile virus, has tested 106 horses, and 62 of those animals have tested positive for West Nile. Most of the horses that tested positive for the virus had not been vaccinated.

“Although the vaccinations are not a 100 percent guarantee, they are an excellent way to help prevent West Nile,” said Dr. Marilyn Simunich, a veterinarian with ISDA.

Since the introduction of equine vaccines, the number of horses reported with West Nile infections has decreased dramatically nationwide, from 15,000 in 2002 to 1,341 in 2004. There were 22 horses diagnosed with West Nile virus in Idaho last year.

The most common sign of West Nile virus in horses is weakness, usually in the hindquarters. Weakness may be indicated by a widened stance, stumbling, leaning to one side and toe dragging. In extreme cases, paralysis may follow. Fever is sometimes evident, as are depression and fearfulness. Lip smacking, chewing movements and fine muscle tremors may be noticed.

— CAB

✓ Levy

actual enrollment sorted out. We had students on the books and in some cases even pre-registered, but didn’t show up. The first week of school, we had an average enrollment of 853 students and an ADA of 805.7. If we look at the first 10 days of school, our enrollment has stabilized at 840.5 and the average attendance is 794.4. If we take that through the formula, it leaves us with an increase of 28 students over the ADA average of last year.”

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.

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

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.

Shockley told the board that a number of textbooks need to be purchased with the funds and a portable computer lab is needed for the middle school. Supplemental materials also are needed as well as extra desks. Shockley said also with the increase in fuel prices, the current budget probably would not be able to handle what the district will actually use.

“Our transportation is capped at an 85 percent reimbursement, and it also has an additional cap on that to try to force the price down,” Shockley said. “With the next fill-up we are expected to use about a third of our budget. The code says that technically we can use these funds for anything from the general fund. So what I will do is keep a second set of books on the funds to track it individually.”

Shockley said he felt the population increase would continue in the future and some decisions would have to be made to accommodate more students. He said currently the middle school is over capacity in students, the elementary is at full capacity and the high school is just under capacity. He said in the years to come, the district would have to look at another bond for a larger school, split schooling or some other way to accommodate the increase in students.

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✓ Budget


Mary O’Malley told the board that the new museum included a meeting room for 125 seats, and also a climate-controlled storage room, large enough for the county’s records to be stored.

Despite the fact that fuel had risen over 20% since the last budget cycle, the sheriff received a four percent increase. Sheriff Gary Aman said he plans to perform the required duties of his office, and when he runs out of money, he will petition the court to open the budget for needed funds. With fuel prices being what they are, the amount of gallons he could purchase with the new budget would be

approximately 60% of last year’s purchases.

The amount to be raised by taxes to finance the new budget totals \$1,988,157, compared to \$1,958,687 for the ’05 budget. These figures include the bond redemption for the jail facility. The ’06 bond payment is \$118,440.

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Obituaries



Oscar Warren (Red) Stone, Jr.

Oscar Warren (Red) Stone, Jr. died on September 10, 2005.

Oscar will be honored at Homedale's First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, September 14 at 2:30pm, Tony W. Hoshaw and the Rev. Marianne Paul officiating. All who would like to offer their respects and support for his family are welcome.

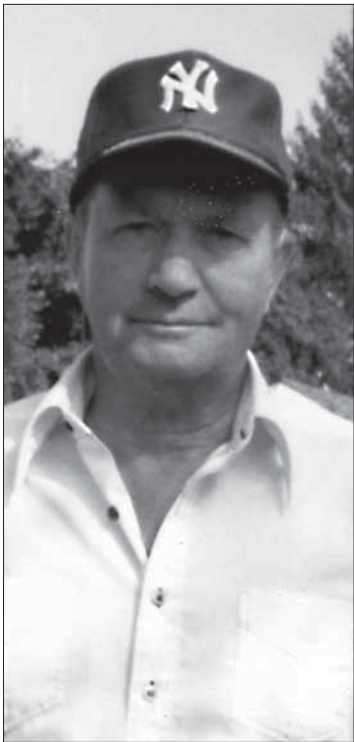
Oscar was born on January 11, 1924 to Oscar Warren Sr. and Minnie Stone in Walla Walla, Washington.

After graduating from Walla Walla high school, he was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds and the U.S. military. Oscar enlisted in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged due to poor hearing.

Upon returning from the army he was accepted at the University of Idaho. It was during a summer vacation and, in part, due to Herb Garrett, Oscar met his wife of nearly 60 years, Lorraine Landa, daughter of Tony and Maria Landa. Oscar and Lorraine were married on Oscar's birthday in 1946. They have two children, Maria Stone and Tony Stone.

Oscar was a man of many talents; he worked for J.R. Simplot, managing the lumber yard, created his own business, Stone Chemical, farmed, and for many years owned and operated a custom fertilizer application business.

Oscar was a founding member of Homedale's First Presbyterian Church and for many years he helped his grandson, Tony, care



Dorrene Packer

Dorrene Packer, 78, of Homedale, passed away on September 9, 2005 after fighting a courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Dorrene was born February 17, 1927 to Merle and Druzella Anderson in Liberal, Kansas. Dorrene moved with her family to Homedale in 1935, where her family homesteaded west of Homedale. Dorrene married the love of her life Delbert Packer on September 8, 1942.

Dorrene was preceded in death by her husband, Deb; son, Mike; a grandson Brandon Leslie; her parents; 3 sisters; 5 brothers; and 1 step-brother.

Dorrene is survived by her daughters, Judy (C.L.) Leslie, JoAnn McBride (John Howard); sons, Jim (Debbie), Don (Denise); daughter-in-law, Sharon; 18 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; her longtime friend and dance - partner Sid Buck; step-mother, Lois Anderson; brother, Leo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorrene loved the outdoors, she loved gardening, camping, floating down the river in Crouch with her family, and loved to dance. She was active in the 2nd Ward of the Homedale Church



of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, where she served in many positions. She was also active with the Homedale Senior Citizens Center.

We love you and will miss you Mom-Grandma.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, at the Homedale LDS Church. Viewing was held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale and one hour prior to service time in the church's relief society room. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Rimrock Senior Center plans annual bazaar

The Rimrock Senior Center is looking for vendors for its annual fund-raising bazaar, which is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 8 in Grand View.

Tables are available for \$10 each, and sellers keep whatever money they make from the items they sell. The senior center doesn't charge a consignment fee.

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will be used for the general operation of the center and expansion of the center's garage to make room for the new handicap-lift-equipped bus that was purchased recently with a grant, according to senior center coordinator Carolyn Larson.

Larson said the center will be selling crafts and donated produce to raise more money for the facility. General donations also will be accepted.

A lunch of chicken noodle, salad, roll and dessert will be served for a donation of \$3.50.

Some of the items expected to be on sale include greeting cards, kitchen items and artwork.

The sale, like the senior center itself, is open to the public. For more information, call the center at (208) 834-2808 and leave a message.

The center is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays. Larson said the center isn't just for people 60 years and older, though. It serves as the community center for the tiny town of Grand View, and the building is available for rental for various events.

Other programs that are helped through the bazaar fundraiser include Meals on Wheels and transportation.

Senior news

Homedale Senior Center

Sept 15: Baked ham, yams, green beans, rolls, milk.

Sept 17: Saturday night dance 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. \$3 at door, Bring finger food and all friends.

Sept 20: Roast beef, mash potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, roll, milk. Foot clinic, sign up at front desk.

Sept 21: Chicken salad, cottage cheese, potato salad, tomatoes and lettuce, milk.

Marsing Senior Center

Sept 15: Pork roast, potato, spinach, jello salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Sept 19: Meat loaf, potato, carrots, green salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Sept 20: Tuna casserole or ham and beans, peas & carrots, coleslaw, cornbread, soup, dessert, beverage.

Sept 21: Sweet and sour pork, rice, mixed veggies, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

School menus

Sept. 15-21 Homedale Elementary

Sept 15: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit bar, milk.

Sept 16: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, cookie, fruit bar, milk.

Sept 19: Hamburger or fish patty/bun, fries/tots, cookie, fruit bar, milk.

Sept 20: Chicken tenders or chicken fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk.

Sept 21: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

Sept 15: Chicken tenders or chicken fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk.

Sept 16: Lasagna or chicken pot pie, french bread, fruit and veggie bar, milk.

Sept 19: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, fruit bar, cookie, milk.

Sept 20: Rice bowl w/chicken or egg rolls, veggies, fruit bar, fortune cookie, milk.

Sept 21: Burrito or fish patty, corn, fruit and veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Homedale High

Sept 15: Chicken or hamburger/bun, fries/tots, fruit and veggie bar, dessert, milk.

Sept 16: Chicken taco or chili dog, fruit and veggie bar, milk.

Sept 19: Pizza or nacho bar, salad, fruit and veggie bar, dessert, milk.

Sept 20: Chicken nuggets or hot dog, rice, green beans, fruit and veggie bar, milk.

Sept 21: Idaho haystack or burrito, fruit and veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Bruneau schools

Sept 15: Cheese yum yums, chicken noodle soup, celery and peanut butter, raisins, crackers, milk.

Sept 16: Chicken wrap, fried rice, stir-fry veggies, fruit, fortune cookie, milk.

Sept 19: Pizza, tossed salad w/croutons, corn, pineapple, milk.

Sept 20: Sub sandwich, tots, fresh veggies, oranges, brownie, milk.

Sept 21: Enchilada pie, salad w/croutons, garlic bread, fruit, milk.



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Mary Jo Morrison and James H. Andrews

Morrison, Andrew marry in Homedale ceremony

Mary Jo Morrison, who moved to Homedale in 1959, and James H. Andrews of Arizona were married Sept. 3, 2005, at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center. Mary Jo and James first met in Litchfield, Ariz., in 1949. Years later, they were reunited, and James proposed. The wedding party included

Darlene Looslie, the daughter of the bride, as a matron of honor, and Andy Fernandez, the bride's son-in-law, as best man. Jim Stewart, the nephew of the bride, performed two songs, "From Here to Eternity" and "I Cross My Heart." Pastor Connie Cartee officiated the ceremony.

Historical society presents annual luau fund-raiser

The third annual Aloha from the Owyhees fund-raiser for the Owyhee County Historical Society's museum in Murphy will be held Oct. 1 at the museum. The program includes an authentic Polynesian luau with a roasted pig and island-themed entertainment from Pacific Rhythm. The entertainment includes a fire dancer. Debra Lindner, a member of the board of directors for the historical society, said proceeds from the fund-raiser will go toward putting the finish touches on the museum's new building.

Admission is \$25 per person, and that includes dinner, entertainment and complimentary wine. Tickets can be purchased by calling 495-2319. You can pay by credit card or by sending a check, and the tickets either can be mailed to you or picked up at the museum. A 6 p.m. social hour will kick off the event, which celebrates the heritage of Hawaiian furtrappers who were present in the area in the earlier 1800s. The dinner begins at 7 p.m. with the entertainment starting at 7:30 p.m.

Murphy Country Market opens Saturday

The second annual Murphy Country Market will be held Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The market will be held at the Owyhee County Museum and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Owyhee Historical Society. Coffee will be served and old-time country music will be performed. Antiques, collectibles,

crafts, furniture, sporting goods, tools, southwestern jewelry and arts, gourds and body lotions, fresh produce, yard sale items, food vendors and homemade treats will be offered for sale. Spaces are still available by calling Vikki Tyson at 834-2077. Booths will cost \$10 for the space and 10 percent consignment fee to the museum.

OCA truck drawing to be held Sunday

Tickets are going fast for the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Heritage Fund's ninth annual property rights drawing for a 2005 Dodge ram pickup. Coordinators said last week that the tickets available from several locations in Owyhee County and only about 60 are left. This weekend, the lucky winner will be drawn during the Bruneau Roundup in Bruneau on Sunday at about 4 p.m. Along with the pickup, tickets are also good for a chance at a half beef, cut and wrapped from Greenfields in Meridian. This year, a 2005 Dodge 3/4-ton 4x4 quad cab pickup from Mountain Home Auto Ranch, will be given away to one

lucky winner holding the right ticket during the annual drawing in September. This year, the drawing will be held at the annual Bruneau Rodeo Sunday. The winner of the pickup and the beef will be announced during the rodeo. The truck features a Turbo Cummins diesel engine, automatic transmission, SLT package, air conditioning, cruise control, tilt steering, trailer tow package, power window and locks, and AM/FM cassette with a compact disc player. All the proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Heritage fund to aid in the fight to keep property rights and multiple use

access to federal lands in Owyhee County. Each ticket is sold for a \$100 donation and only 500 tickets will be sold. The winner will be responsible for title, license and registration fees and all taxes. Tickets are available from Paul Nettleton, 834-2237, Martin Jaca, 495-1169, Chris Collett at 834-2062 or Saturday and Sunday during the roundup. Tickets also may be purchased by sending a check payable to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Fund and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Pickup Raffle, P.O. Box 32, Murphy, Idaho 83650. Richard Eiguren from Jordan Valley won the pickup in the last drawing.

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Homedale homecoming activities in full swing

Homedale High School is in the midst of its homecoming week, and things swing into high gear today with class competition and the zany powder puff football game.

The competition begins at 6:30 p.m. today at Deward Bell Stadium with a class tug of war and soccer competition.

The powder puff game begins at 7 p.m., and admission is \$1. Chorizos, hot dogs, assorted snacks and soda also will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the baseball program, and additional donations will be accepted.

Further turning the tables today, a boys dance routine will be held at halftime of the powder puff game.

“I always like to look at homecoming as a time not only for the students, but as a time that the community can get involved with the students at the school and the athletes and create a bond with them,” Homedale principal Mike Williams said.

The bond only grows stronger through the week, culminating Friday with the homecoming parade and the homecoming football game at Deward Bell Stadium against New Plymouth.

Kickoff is 7 p.m. Friday, and the homecoming king and queen will be presented before the game.

The candidates for homecoming queen include Karina Aguilera, Hailee Garrett and Breann Rodriguez. Homecoming king candidates are Tyler Christofferson, Stuart Miyasako and Tyler Leslie.

The junior class girls attendants include Jessica Ferguson, Jennifer Hall, Elizabeth Calderon, Whitney Tackett and Emily Verwer. The boys attendants are Ryan Johnson, Matt Halloway, Gregorio Monreal, David Liddell and Travis McRae.

Attendants for the sophomore class include, for the girls, Adilene Padilla, Taryn Corta and Kelsey Silva; and for the

boys, Terrence Thomas, Shrevan Sriganesh and Daniel Valadez.

Chelsea Hicks is the freshman class girls attendant, and Trevor Meligan is the boys attendant.

The homecoming parade begins at 2:15 p.m. Friday at the elementary school. Parade lineup takes place at 1:45 p.m.

But homecoming week is more than a reason to play another football game.

“Every day of the week there is an activity going on or a competition between the classes,” Williams said.

Each day has had a dress-up theme for each of the classes. Williams says the dress-up competition is part of an overall contest in which the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors are competing for a cash prize that will be placed in the winning class’ bank account.

Other highlights for the week include a homecoming dance at 9 p.m. Saturday at the high school.

— JB

Marsing observes homecoming week

All week long, the Marsing Huskies have been celebrating homecoming with daily events. Friday, the school’s football team will face Glenns Ferry and the homecoming king and queen will be crowned.

This year’s queen candidates are Autumn Shippy, Breeana Chadez, Nichole Gelinas, Angela Martinez and Mary Jo Usabel. King candidates are Perry Gibson, Trent Lootens, Jamison Price, Earnie Villa and Dan Daniels.

Junior attendants are Alicia Ponce and Jonathan Cossel, sophomore attendants are Ethan Sauer and Aimee Molvig and freshman attendants are Jose Paramo and Dixie Kent.

The volleyball team played the Melba Mustangs on Tuesday and will meet the New Plymouth Pilgrims on Thursday.

Just prior to Friday’s kickoff for the homecoming game against Glenns Ferry, the king and queen will be crowned. The coronation is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Halftime activities also are planned.

This year’s homecoming theme is decades, and students dressed up in a variety of attire throughout the week. The senior class will adorn their float with a 1960s setting. The juniors will decorate to the 1970s, sophomores to the 1980s and the freshmen will dress their float to the 1990s. Student council will pay \$200 to the class that has earned the most points from the week’s activities.

Monday was jersey day, Tuesday retro day, today is cowboy and Native American dress day, Thursday is mardi gras day and Friday is blue and gold day.

Tonight, there will be a boys volleyball game followed by a powder puff football game, tug of war between classes then the annual bon fire. Activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the middle school gym. The parade will begin at 1:45 p.m. Friday at the Marsing City Park. The parade route ends at the high school football field.

— CAB

Dept. of Lands to install bird ladders in stock tanks

The Idaho Department of Lands has been constructing water developments on state land for many years. In the 1990s, bird ladders in water troughs came to the forefront and since then the state has been placing ladders in new troughs to protect sage grouse and other wildlife. Owyhee County is scheduled to receive some of those ladders.

The Idaho Department of Lands plan to build and install up to 120 bird ladders in water troughs on state land within the next two years. Mike Henn from the department said the project was projected for last spring, but had to be postponed until this spring because of funding issues.

The state plans to equip every water trough on state endowment lands with bird ladders to reduce the number of chicks and mature sage grouse that drown. He said the ladders also will allow water access for sage grouse and other wildlife species.

Henn said the work is projected to cost about \$12,000. The Department of Lands would contribute the labor for the construction if the local work group could secure funding for the needed materials and supplies.

Two additional projects being proposed by the local sage grouse work group is the Crab Creek Meadow Sage Grouse Habitat Restoration near Grasmere

and the Toll Gate Medusahead Control and Habitat Restoration project in Reynolds Creek.

The objective of both projects is to increase brood-rearing habitat for sage grouse, waterfowl and other nesting birds and to protect native bunch grasses, such as those in the Toll Gate project.

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Homedale school board mulls SRO contract with P.D.

Agreement would replace sheriff’s program

Monday night, the Homedale School District considered a contract with the City of Homedale to provide a school resource officer.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the contract is still under negotiation, but he feels most of the district’s concerns have been met.

Results of the school board meeting were not available at press time, but Homedale school superintendent Tim Rosandick said late last week that he anticipated the board would take his recommendation to enter into a contract with the police department.

In July, Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman announced

that the county no longer would be providing an officer to the schools because of budget cutbacks.

He said the school had not increased the contract in three years, so each year the officer was spending less time in the schools. He said this year, the time spent on campus would have gone down to about two hours a day.

Budget cuts also forced the sheriff’s office to pull its DARE officer from the classrooms.

Eidemiller said Monday that the city will provide a police officer to the school district for the entire year, and the city will pay \$20,000 of the officer’s salary and benefits.

The school district will be responsible for \$14,500 of the officer’s salary and benefits. Eidemiller said the officer will be available in the schools for approximately five hours a day. He said the rest of the time the

officer would be on patrol or working on city law enforcement issues.

Mike Flores has been suggested as the school resource officer in the beginning months. Eidemiller said Flores already has the additional training necessary to be an SRO.

“We won’t be able to provide an officer until the new budget begins in October,” Eidemiller said.

“The officer will be handling city ordinance violations and other law enforcement issues.”

The department currently has five full-time officer positions, but when the city approved the new budget, an additional officer was added to Eidemiller’s crew. Recently, Eidemiller has been operating one officer short. He said another officer would be hired to replace Jamie Austin, who resigned last month.

— CAB

Hearing to be held Monday on P&Z fee hike

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing Monday concerning a fee increase by the county planning and zoning commission. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the County Annex on Basey Street in Murphy. Fees to be considered by the Board are for the assessor’s office, the Murphy water system and the Planning, Zoning and Building Department.

The zoning commission has proposed a list of fee increases, including a \$3 hike in the monthly fees for Murphy’s water system and a rise in administration fees for motor vehicles from \$3 to \$5. The hearing will be held in Courtroom 2 of the courthouse in Murphy.

Planning and zoning fee increases include raising single-family residence and hardship applications from \$182 to \$432 and raising confined animal feeding operations from \$494 to \$2,000.

Conditional use permit fees for uses listed under permitted uses, non conforming use, expansion including residential land division up to four lots could cost \$706 from the \$456 current charge. For subdivisions and PUD, five lots the proposal

includes \$756, then \$100 per lot over five lots.

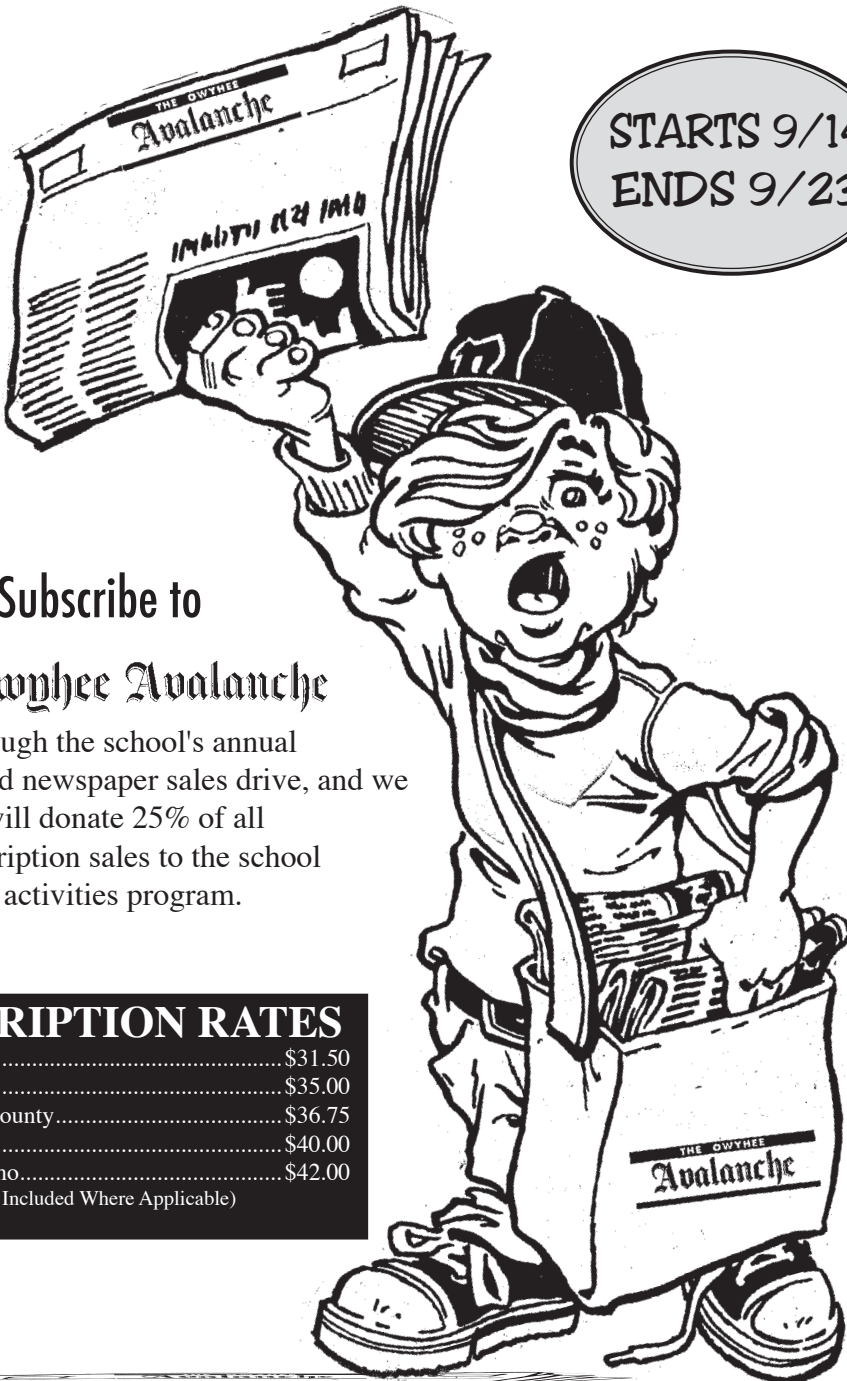
The proposal would increase zone reclassification, modification of zones or modification of comprehensive plan from \$1,348 to \$1,598 and would take amendment or vacation of plats from \$437 to \$687. A variance would cost \$816 from the \$566 already being charged.

Extension of time, property status written determinations, appeal of administrative decisions, subdivision vacate adopt road and easements, area of city impact subdivision review and compliance reviews have not been being charged a fee, but under the proposal, property status would cost \$100, appeal would cost \$150, vacate or adopt road would cost \$672 and compliance review will cost \$250.

In the building department, manufactured home standard set installation will cost \$250 from \$100, manufactured home foundation will cost \$350 instead of \$165 and a \$125 fee for miscellaneous inspections will be charged above the current \$65 current cost.

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Field trip

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Local gym bulks up Marsing, Homedale weight rooms

The Caldwell branch of the Idaho Athletic Club is doing its part to keep students and athletes at a couple Owyhee County high schools in good shape and game shape.

Marsing and Homedale high schools both received used Nautilus equipment from the Caldwell location recently, giving the two schools' football programs — and weight-training programs in general — a unique distinction over most other Treasure Valley high schools.

"It's good for the team and it's good for the school," Homedale football coach Thomaas Thomas said. "Not many schools have this. New Plymouth is the only one I can think of."

The Trojans' strengthening program got a huge boost from the arrival of eight machines, which bolstered a weight room that previously only had free weights.

"This gives more variety and keeps the kids interested," Thomas said. "And they're safer than free weights."

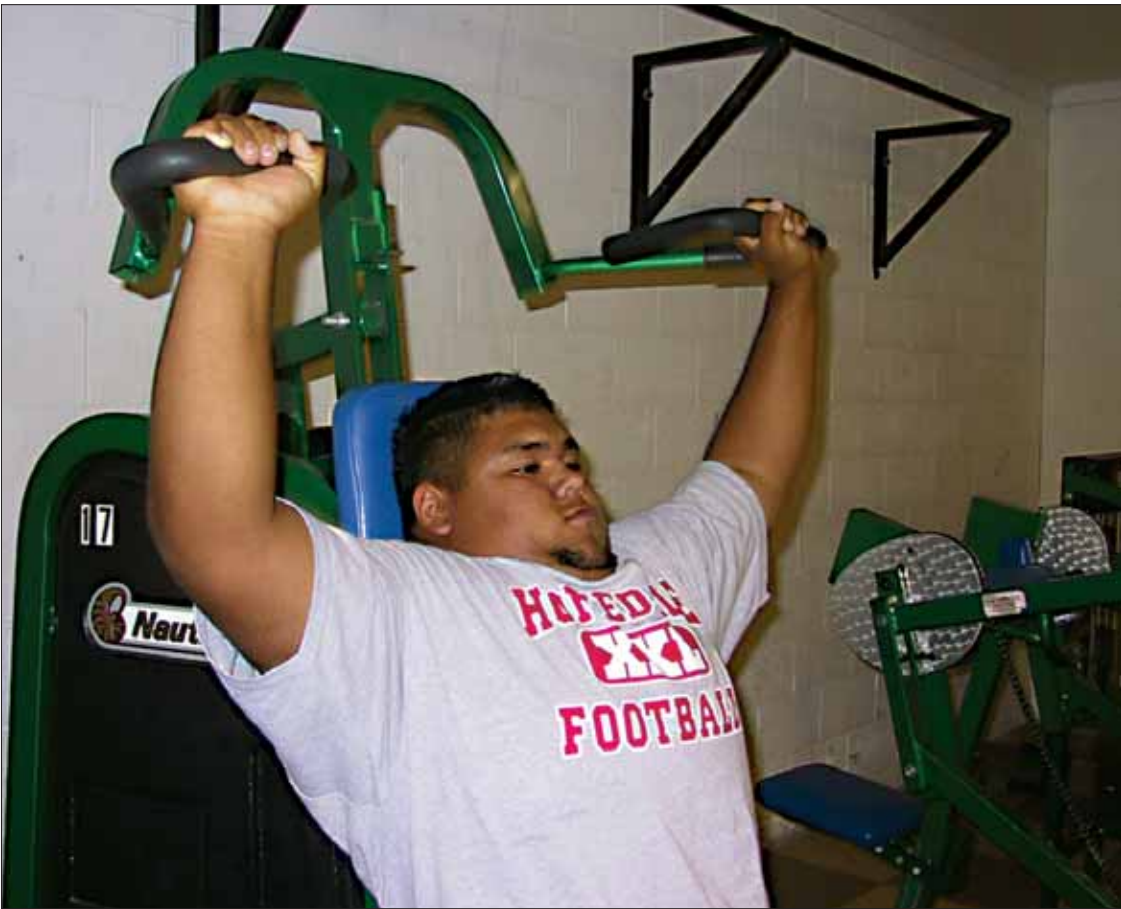
John Regis, the manager of IAC's Caldwell location on Blaine Avenue, said the club got rid of the equipment (12 stations in all, including the four sent to Marsing) to make room for newer equipment made by a different company. He said John Wardle, the owner of the IAC chain, enthusiastically signed off on the idea.

Marsing football coach/co-athletic director Don Heller was approached by IAC about some of the equipment because the Huskies' program benefited from a similar deal last year in which Marsing paid \$1,800 for used equipment.

The Huskies' football players had raised the money.

This year, Marsing received four pieces of equipment in exchange for the labor of moving 15 machines at IAC's Caldwell location.

"It's been great, especially for us," Heller said of the relationship with IAC. "The football team raised the money for the machines, so they're



Getting stronger
High school students, such as Homedale High School football players Amador Cortinas (top) and Ryan Johnson (above), from both Homedale and Marsing recently received Nautilus weight-training equipment from the Idaho Athletic Club's location in Caldwell.

going to appreciate it more."

Marsing received a leg extension machine, a leg curl machine, a lay-down fly machine and a sit-up fly machine. The fly machines work the pectoral muscles.

"We now have a machine for every body part," Heller said. Homedale paid \$500 for eight machines, including a hip inductor and hip abductor to work

the thigh muscles, a machine to work oblique muscles, a shoulder lateral raise, a military press to work the shoulders, machines for biceps and triceps curls and a lower back exerciser.

"That's something a lot of people neglect," Thomas said of working out the muscles in the lower back.

The \$500 price tag was negotiated with IAC contingent upon the Trojans' football players moving the machines themselves from the upstairs workout room at the Caldwell gym.

"The chore was to bring them down the stairs," Thomas said, referring to the narrow staircases at the IAC location.

Thomas said he paid for the machines out of the football team's Gold Card fund. On Wednesday, the Homedale Fan Club voted to reimburse the fund \$250 of that money.

"The younger kids will have an opportunity to get on a machine that is more balanced and safer than free weights," Homedale principal Mike Williams said.

Both football coaches said the football players won't be the only students benefiting from the arrival of the equipment. Both schools have weight-training programs that bring together athletes and students. Homedale has five classes with approximately 130 students. Marsing also has five classes.

"I think it's going to benefit Homedale probably the most because we gave them two machines that a primarily used by women," Regis said of the hip inductor and abductor. "This will get young females involved (in weight training)."

Regis is the father of former Homedale football player Ryan Regis and current boys soccer player Dustin Regis.

Although all students at the schools will use the weight machines, Homedale football players Amador Cortinas and Ryan Johnson both look forward to the benefits the like-new apparatus will bring to the football program.

"It's a big addition to our room, and it will help us out a lot in the coming year," said Johnson, a junior starting fullback on the Trojans' varsity squad.

— JB

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On the Water

‘Share it with your kids’

by Bruce Cameron
Owyhee County Marine Deputy

All year long, I safety-check boats and the families, for the most part, just stand back. Some watch and some don’t just sit in the pickup. Occasionally, someone will ask a question or two, and I try to answer their questions so they understand.



As parents, boat owners and/or operators, we need to do a better job of sharing what we know about this great sport and recreational activity.

We need to teach our children or whomever you take with you what to do in an emergency and, in general, the workings of your boat. Here are a few things they should be familiar with:

1. How to start it and shut it off.
2. Fire extinguisher(s) — where they are how they work.
3. How to possibly save or rescue someone who has fallen overboard or has taken a bad spill from a tube or water ski.
4. What you should do in the event of being caught in a bad storm, or caught out on the water after dark, possibly broke down.
5. How to load and unload the boat.

If you take a minute to think about it, someone taught you. Now it’s your turn or responsibility to pass it on. If your not sure or don’t know, don’t be afraid to say so and find out together.

For more information on this and other boating-related subjects, ask a marine deputy or visit the Idaho Parks and Recreation Web site at www.boatidaho.org.

Children are our future, and they are the ones that will take us when we get old — “hopefully.”

Remember we are all in this together.
ENJOY OUR WATER!



Church on the hill

This church is one of the many vintage buildings that attract people to Silver City each year. The townspeople are holding their annual open house this weekend to raise funds to finance the position of full-time watchman during the winter months.

Silver City holds open house this weekend

With approaching fall bringing cooler temperatures, time is running out this year to visit historic Silver City.

That also means that the townspeople will open the doors to some of the old mining town’s historic buildings for the annual open house.

This year’s Silver City Open House will run from noon to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday and will feature tours of 10 buildings.

Tickets are available for donations of \$10 (adults) and \$5 (children) and can be purchased from noon to 4 p.m. each day.

The purpose of the open house is to raise funds to finance a full-time watchman to protect the historical buildings from fire and vandalism.

Silver City was established in 1864 and was one of the first Idaho cities to have electricity. It also served as Owyhee County seat before that distinction was transferred to Murphy.

All buildings on the tour are privately owned. Many buildings from Silver City’s heritage have disappeared over the years, too,



More history

Silver City was established in the 1860s as a mining town. It was one of the first towns in Idaho to get electricity.

with some structures being torn down during World War II and the materials used for the war effort.

Food service, snacks, drinks and lodging are available at the town’s hotel, and reservations are recommended. Pat’s What Not Shop will be open for gift and souvenir shopping.

The route to Silver City from Murphy is 23 miles of good gravel road. From Oregon, there’s a well-maintained road from Jordan Valley to DeLamar, but that road turns to an 8-mile stretch of single-lane gravel.

For more information on the tour, call (208) 467-3073 after 5 p.m.



And the winner is ...

Luci Asumendi, a teacher at Homedale Middle School, helps BreeAnna Engman, right, draw a winning raffle ticket during Saturday’s benefit for Homedale High School student Jonathan Page. The event was held in the high school cafeteria, and about \$3,600 was raised. Submitted photo. See story on Page 2A.

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A full-page background image showing a sunset over a calm body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper center, casting a long, shimmering reflection down the middle of the water. Two silhouetted figures are in a small boat in the lower third of the frame, each holding a fishing rod. The sky is filled with soft, orange-hued clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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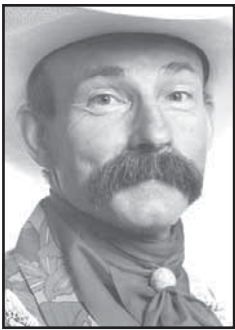
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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Technological lapses

Technology is now available to count cattle on a Forest Service permit from outer space, to construct material for space shuttles that can withstand 3,000-degree temperature on reentry into the Earth’s atmosphere, and to plastic wrap a tool in Ace Hardware that cannot be opened with the Jaws of Life.

Farriers are still using the same technology the Romans did when they conquered England in 55 B.C. If we can do all these things, why haven’t we figured out a better way to shoe horses? I’m not sure what it would be? Glue shoes on with epoxy, inject Jell-O in their veins, a titanium wrap, impregnate the hoof with diamonds?

The two fields most closely related to farriary — weight lifting and carpentry — have advanced slightly with the advent of Gatorade and the self-retracting measuring tape, but horseshoeing still remains a primitive technology.

Another endeavor that remains much unchanged is the tricky little job of “bean” cleaning in male horses, and its counterpart, the also ancient veterinary practice of expressing the anal glands in dogs. Both procedures require some skill, some would say even artistry, but in this modern age you would think some new technology would have come along involving suction, or centrifugal force or trained spelunking invertebrates, wouldn’t you?

Another field ripe for renovation is fly-swatting. I will grant that insecticides do a great job at mass extinction, but I’m talking about the one lone *Musca domestica* that keeps landing in the potato salad at the picnic or buzzes around your room at night after you’ve turned out the lights, or keeps landing on your nose while you’re trying to pass the pipette into a recipient heifer.

If NASA can hit a comet moving at the speed of Halley a jillion miles away, surely we could invent a device that could zap a fly on a paper plate at 6 feet. Something like a heat-sensitive lock-on-target laser beam disintegrator. It could be incorporated into your cell phone, carving knife or dentures. Just snap your jaws to fire! You could pick flies off someone you’re talking to, a cow you’re milking, or Aunt Effie’s fried chicken without lifting a finger!

But in the meantime, we humans must carry on shoeing our own horses, shearing our own sheep and picking our own noses, until technology catches up. I guess I can wait.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



It was the late 1980s when Rob, a kid just out of college, applied for a sports reporting job at the daily newspaper.

Rob was a good writer. But what I remember most about him was his personality. He was the John Belushi of the newsroom — a genuine free spirit whose deportment (or lack thereof) got him trouble with the powers on a fairly regular basis.

The only predictable thing about Rob was his unpredictability.

In those days the newspaper was a “P.M.,” meaning it was delivered to readers late in the afternoon. That meant our deadlines came in mid-morning. At that time of day, the pace in the newsroom was hectic, with telephones ringing, reporters hammering furiously on their keyboards and editors trying to make everything fit in the remaining space.

It was usually right in the middle of this frenzy that Rob would suddenly stop typing, and jump up on his desk. He

would look down from his perch at his fellow staffers, make sure he had their undivided attention, then make a profound statement such as “THE BOSS RULES!” (Rob was a huge Bruce Springsteen fan). Then he would hop down and go back to work as if nothing had happened.

The unfortunate thing about Rob’s spontaneous outbursts was that his desk was located smack in the middle of the newsroom. If Rob turned his head to the right 90 degrees, he could stare straight into the eyes of Jack, the newspaper publisher, seated behind his desk in his glassed-in office about 30 feet from Rob’s desk.

I remember one particular incident when Rob popped up out of his chair, minutes before deadline and delivered his impersonation of Porky Pig impersonating Tina Turner singing “Proud Mary.”

And I’ll be the first to admit that it really DID sound

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Letters to the editor

Fair board was within its rights to move meeting

I am writing in response to your editorial regarding the alleged “illegal meeting” planned by the Fair Board.

Since you took the time to quote from the Idaho Statutes, I, too, would like to quote the last sentence of the first paragraph of Section 22-204, which you possibly overlooked and mistakenly did not include. The sentence immediately following states, “It [fair board] shall meet at such times and places as the county fair board deems necessary in compliance with the open meeting law.”

This meeting was posted in a timely fashion in all the same public places and newspaper as each and every other Fair Board meeting and was truly an “open meeting.” It is an attempt by the Fair Board to bring together the Sale Committee and Extension Office in one, rather than three, meetings to discuss the Fair and see what we could do to make next year even better. Yes, there will be food. Disappointingly enough, we have no secrets. We are just everyday people with everyday lives doing our jobs — paid or volunteer.

The Fair Board does meet at the Extension Office during the winter months. This is not due to any attempt to hold an “illegal meeting”. It has to do with the fact that the Fair Office is not winterized and they would have no restroom facilities and they would freeze!

I have worked with the Fair Board and the Fair Secretary through three fairs. Few will ever know the hours they put in, the number of tasks they take care of that could clearly be defined as “not my job”, and all the extra effort they put in to make it an event Owyhee County can truly be proud of. I am uncertain as to why anyone would try to make it appear that this group is not doing their job or that they are up to something horrid.

Possibly there are some who would prefer the tension-filled mud-slinging Fair Board meetings of several years ago. I enjoy the way things are now — working with a “team” to make the fair a memorable experience for our county. A county entity that gets along with another county entity? I know, it sounds strange, but it has worked and appears to be that it will continue to do so.

I personally am thankful that our community is safe and dry, and that our homes are intact. If the worst thing we have to complain about is an enjoyable time together with people who have just put in long hours to give this county a great fair, Rodeo, and livestock Sale, we are truly blessed.

Debbie Titus

Committee has a right to recommend treasurer

I am the Oreana Precinct Committee Person, and I was just wondering why we have elected precinct people if the commissioners are just going to completely ignore them. I spent my time and my money to go down to Murphy to do my job as a representative of the people in Oreana, just to be completely blown off by the board that is supposed to be representing me.

I have been told that perhaps the precinct people should have some sort of a clue on what the Treasurer does before they go making a decision. Well, I can tell you that the current precinct people are very knowledgeable on election laws and the position they were voting on.

Mr. Tolmie said we had no right to make a recommendation to the board; that we only had a right to submit three names. Perhaps he would like to read the Idaho Code they sent out to the precinct people in the thank you letter for doing our job.

Article VI, Section 2 states, “All Precinct Committee persons may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.” In Section 3 of Article VI, it also states, “Said nominees shall be listed in order of the number of votes received.” That is exactly what we did. Doesn’t pay to not read the code you are quoting.

I am sorry that the Board of County Commissioners and other elected officials have taken some sort of personal problem with Linda Charters and manipulated the system. To use the current problem of how to get county funds to the bank as the reasoning behind your choice is pretty lame. At least you could have come up with something better than that.

Christine Collett

Oreana Precinct Committee Person

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Commentary

Our agriculture The feds are listening to Idaho farmers

by Sen. Mike Crapo

Agriculture is the bedrock of many Idaho communities and plays an important role in most. As such, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the programs it oversees affect virtually the entire state. When agriculture industries show signs of success or failure, it stands to reason that those most directly affected by Farm Bill policy should be the ones to offer support or constructive criticism.

Idahoans had a unique opportunity to do just that firsthand this past week at the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot. When I learned that Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns would be holding Farm Bill listening sessions nationwide, I wrote to him to encourage him to conduct a session in Idaho. We are fifth in the nation in irrigated acres and produce 144 different commodities for domestic and international markets. The importance of Idaho agriculture cannot be understated when it comes to nutrition, the environment and the economy. The 25,000 farms that spread throughout our beautiful state serve as continuous proving grounds for United States farm policy.

Clearly, Idaho farmers and ranchers are well placed to evaluate the impact and direction of farm programs, and their input can improve and streamline the formation and implementation of these programs.

Secretary Johanns sent Undersecretary of Agriculture Mark Rey to gather input on USDA programs, and the response was overwhelming. More than 160 people representing every major commodity group in Idaho attended and voiced their concerns on a variety of issues.

The strongest message from Idahoans was a call for continued support for farm programs that level the playing field in national and international markets. Some voiced support for domestic and international market development as well as support for further research and development of agriculture-based energy products. Rural development and water infrastructure was on the minds of some, and there were requests for additional support for conservation programs. There was interest expressed in the nutrition programs provided through the Farm Bill. Idahoans also recognize the absolute necessity of keeping

young farmers and ranchers in business.

Those in agriculture understand preserving and improving the land for the beneficial use of future generations. They also have multi-generational knowledge and experience with farm programs — what works and what doesn't. These folks are the best resource for the agency personnel who direct programs from the federal level.

I congratulate the state and federal agencies in their efforts to make this listening session a success for both the visiting USDA officials and to make themselves available to Idahoans in their capacity as agency personnel.

I appreciate Secretary Rey's visit and the willingness of Secretary Johanns to recognize the importance of on-the-ground input into the process of crafting wise federal farm policy. As Congress prepares to reauthorize the Farm Bill, it's essential that we formulate legislation that is responsive to Idaho's agriculture industries and rural communities.

— Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) is a member of the U.S. Senate.

William Pendley Perry

Summary Judgment

Honoring a hero of freedom

In a July 2004 Reason magazine article, New York City freelance writer Steven Vincent exposed the truth behind the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

"How did a well-intentioned piece of legislation come to provoke fears of Orwellian snooping?" he asked. "The answer involves the weighted history of Indian relations, a vaguely written federal law, and the zealous agencies that seek to enforce it, as well as aspects of Native American culture that strike some non-Indians as confusing and often contradictory."

Steven Vincent had written forthrightly about issues with which I was intimately familiar: the escalating demands of American Indian religious practitioners, the eagerness of federal bureaucrats to accede to those demands, and the ruthlessness of federal law enforcement personnel and lawyers in defending the legality and constitutionality of that federal acquiescence. Would Steven Vincent write more about such things?

On a trip to New York City in the summer of 2004, I met with Steven Vincent in a small, neighborhood coffee shop in the East Village. We spoke about "sacred" Indian artifacts, about tribal cultures, and about the closure of "sacred" lands, but mostly we talked about other things because, as I was to learn, life had changed irrevocably for Steven Vincent.

It changed, as it did for millions of Americans, on Sept. 11, 2001. That clear morning in the Lower East

Side apartment he shared with his wife, Lisa Ramaci, he received a telephone call from a neighbor, summoning him to the roof of their building. There the two of them watched in horror as, a little more than 2 miles away, the north tower of the World Trade Center burned. They were there when the second plane hit the south tower. They were still there when both towers collapsed an hour later.

"Terrorists," thought Steven Vincent, and when he did he knew he was seeing unspeakable evil, evil made worse by its desire to be displayed for the entire world to see. When America responded in the weeks and months ahead, Steven Vincent cheered. But he knew that cheering was not enough: He had to do something. Too old to join the military, he joined with them, as a journalist, when the

coalition forces liberated Iraq in March 2003. There he fell in love with the country, its people longing to be free, and the worldwide fight for freedom.

On his return, days before I met with him, he wrote and, in November 2004, published, "In the Red Zone: A Journey into the Soul of Iraq." It received universal acclaim, and Steven Vincent appeared often in the media and blogosphere.

Shortly after "In the Red Zone" was released, we met again, this time in his apartment. I brought books to be autographed, and he spread his maps and posters over the hardwood floor; we talked long into the darkness outside. I had a personal reason for wanting to know more: my son, Perry, a Marine lieutenant, had received orders to "the sandbox."

Over the weeks, we corresponded frequently, and Steven Vincent graced me with his writings. When I sought to meet with him on my next visit to New York City, he demurred; he was already back in Iraq. His postings continued, culminating in a July 31, 2005, article in the New York Times. Hours later, Steven Vincent was abducted and murdered. On Aug. 15, his family, friends, and admirers gathered in Middle Collegiate Church to pay their final respects.

A hero of 9/11 as surely as the passengers and firefighters who rushed forward on that day or the men and women in uniform on the days following, Steven Vincent served America with his courage, his insight, and his willingness to speak truth in defense of freedom. Like all heroes, he inspires us to do likewise, knowing that, when we do, whatever sacrifice we must make is trivial compared to the one he made so willingly.

— William Perry Pendley is president and chief legal officer for the Mountain States Legal Foundation, which is based in Lakewood, Colo.



✓ Cornell

like Porky Pig impersonating Tina Turner.

A few minutes later, after Rob had returned to his regular duties, Jack the Publisher, who had a front row seat for the performance, wandered out of his office and casually stopped at my desk.

"What was THAT?" asked Jack, motioning in the direction of Rob.

"Oh, that was Rob doing his impersonation of Porky Pig impersonating Tina Turner, singing 'Proud Mary,' " I said.

"Well," said Jack. "Tell him not to do it any more."

He turned and retreated to his office with a rather perplexed expression on his face.

I did tell Rob not to do it any more, but he did it anyway. Jack never did get used to him.

It was obvious from his first day on the job that Rob had too much going on in his head to spend the rest of his life being a sportswriter. I don't remember exactly how long he was at the newspaper, but I wasn't surprised when he announced one day that he was leaving to pursue other interests.

Newspapers had long been places where there were a lot of genuine characters like Rob. But his departure seemed to signal of the changes that were coming. Maybe he sensed that. Soon we found ourselves devoting more time to planning meetings and focus groups than to gathering news.

Everybody was required to be a "team player." There no longer was room for characters.

Fifteen years have passed since I last saw Rob. Then recently, another former member of the newsroom e-mailed me a link to an Internet Web page.

The man running for the State Legislature from Placer County, Calif., appears to be at least 50 pounds heavier than the Rob I knew, and has a wife and two cute kids. He comes across as a really responsible, concerned citizen. But there is still a hint of that impish grin he always used to get himself out of trouble.

There was a place on the Web page to leave a message for the candidate.

I asked Rob, if elected, will he stand on his desk in the Statehouse in Sacramento and treat his fellow lawmakers to his famous "Proud Mary" routine?

The world needs a few characters.

Public notices

**OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2005
OWYHEE COUNTY ANNEX MURPHY, IDAHO**

Present were Commissioners, Tolmie, Reynolds, and Salove, Clerk Sherburn, Assessor Endicott, Sheriff Aman, Jim Desmond and Fred Grant.

The Board made a motion to amend the agenda to include, a request for road name, a letter to the precinct committeemen, and a draw down request for Dept. of Commerce.

The Board moved to approve the requested road name of Hidden View Lane.

The Board authorized Jim Desmond to comment to BLM on the proposed weed free hay requirement on BLM ground after the NRC recommendation.

The Board authorized the purchase of the GeoPoint software update.

The Board approved a letter to the Republican precinct committeemen.

The Board approved the request from Triad to purchase camera’s for all of the patrol cars from HazMat funds.

The Board approved tuition assistance for students attending CSI.

The Board moved to adopt Resolution 05-17 increasing fees. A public hearing will be held on Sept. 19th at 10:00 a.m.

The Board took the following action on indigent and charity cases presented.

No. 05-40 a lien was approved.

No. 05-38 denied, the county is not the last resource.

The Board approved the minutes from the last meeting.

The Board appointed Mary O’Malley to serve on the Board ofCommunity Guardians. Letters of appreciation were signed and sent to retiring members Lee Wideau, Marie York, and Medaine Rudd.

There being no further business the Board moved to adjourn.

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

s.s/Harold Tolmie
Attest:s.s/Charlotte Sherburn
9/14/05

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

On September 19, 2005 at 10 AM in the County Annex on Basey Street, Murphy, Idaho, the Board of County Commissioners will hold a hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding proposed fee increases and new fees, pursuant to Idaho Code 63-1311A. Fees to be considered by the Board are for the Assessor’s office, the Murphy Water System, and the Planning, Zoning & Building Department.

9/7,14/05

PUBLIC NOTICE

Owyhee County will be accepting a 3-year municipal lease bid on 3 law enforcement vehicles. Vehicle description to be bid is for 3 vehicles. Vehicles will be year for 2 2006 ¾ ton Heavy Duty extended cab, short box 4x4 pickups and 1 2006 ¾ ton Heavy Duty extended cab, long box 4x4 pickup with rear seat removed.

Owyhee County will make 3 annual payments on the total vehicles. The first payment will be made within 30 days of delivery of the vehicles and annually thereafter. Vehicles

must be delivered to within 50 miles of Murphy, ID. All vehicles will be inspected prior to Owyhee County taking delivery.

All vehicles shall have the standard manufacturers warranties for parts and labor. Owyhee County shall have the option of purchasing extended warranties or factory incentives. Standard warranties shall be a minimum of 36 months and/or 36,000 miles. Defects, hidden body damage caused in transit, items failing to meet specifications and other such items found after delivery shall be the responsibility of the successful vendor to correct at their expense. Warranty shall activate upon the date the vehicle is placed in service.

All vehicles shall be serviced and inspected by the dealer and an inspections sheet shall accompany the vehicle. All fluids shall be filled to the manufacturers recommended levels and the gas tank shall contain a minimum of ¼ tank of fuel.

Heavy Duty as used in the specification sheet means the items shall exceed the usual quantity, quality or capacity supplied with the standard production models and shall be capable of withstanding unusual strain, exposure, temperatures, wear and use.

Sealed bids must be delivered to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office c/o Sheriff Gary Aman no later than 5 pm. on September 28, 2005. Bids will be opened on October 3, 2005 at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Vehicle specifications may be seen at the Owyhee County Clerks office or by calling Sheriff Aman at 208/495-1154.

9/14,21/05

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE BY SCHOOL BOARD

The Marsing (Jt.) School District No. 363 has proposed to increase the amount of ad valorem tax dollars it collects by certifying a school emergency fund levy pursuant to section 33-805, Idaho Code for the period 2005 through 2006. The total amount of dollars to be collected pursuant to this levy is estimated to be \$81,132.00 . The amount of dollars to be collected pursuant to this levy on a typical home of \$50,000 taxable value last year is estimated to be \$30.00. The amount of dollars to be collected pursuant to this levy on a typical farm of \$100,000 taxable value last year is estimated to be \$60.00. The amount of dollars to be collected pursuant to this levy on a typical business of \$200,000 taxable value last year is estimated to be \$120.00.

CAUTION TO THE TAXPAYER: The amounts shown in this schedule do NOT reflect tax charges that are made because of voter approved bond levies, override levies, supplemental levies, or levies applicable to newly annexed property. Also, the amounts shown in this schedule are an estimate only and do not include a homeowner’s exemption. The dollar amounts can also vary with the certified levy and the taxable value of individual property.

9/14,21/05

**CITY EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY
RESOLUTION NO. 76**

A resolution of the city council of Marsing, adopting a policy prohibiting the use of excessive

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO						
Person Assessed		Property Description	Year Assessed	Delinquent Assessment & Penalty	Interest to 12/31/05	Misc. Costs
Pat Battles		Pt NW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 Sec. 25, T4N, R6W	2003	124.95		35.96
Church of God Prophecy		Pt SW1/4 SW1/4 Sec. 3, T2N, R4W	2003	33.13	11.70	35.96
Jerry & Sue Cobley		Pt NW1/4 SE1/4 Sec. 6, T3N, R5W	2003	36.42	12.85	35.96
Devin/Stephanie Glenn		Pt. S1/2 SW1/4 Sec. 3, T2N, R4W	2003	13.85	4.89	35.96
Eric Kushlan		Pt SW1/4 SW1/ Sec. 16, T3N, R5W	2003	61.91	21.85	35.96
Angela Mercado		Lot 18 Block 9 Sunset Ranch Sec. 36, T4N R6W	2003	29.85	10.54	35.96
Dated this 8 th day of September, 2005 GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT Connie Chadez, Treasurer 9/14,21/05						

force against non-violent civil rights demonstrators.

Whereas the Congress of the United States has passed the Armstrong/Walker “Excessive Force” Amendment (Section 104(L)(1) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended) prohibiting the use of excessive force by a local law enforcement agency against any individual engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstration within its jurisdiction.

And whereas the City of Marsing has received an Idaho Community Development Block Grant and is required to comply with the Armstrong/Walker “excessive force” Amendment;

And whereas the use of excessive force against demonstrators may cause the City to lose its grant or eligibility for future federal grants;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the mayor and council of the city of Marsing, Idaho:

Section 1. It is Policy of the City that excessive force by local law enforcement agencies shall not be used against individuals engaged in lawful and nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the City boundaries.

Section 2. the City Council directs the Police Chief to implement this Resolution by amending applicable police department procedures.

Passed by the city council, city of Marsing, Idaho.

Signed by: Jenny Haken
Title: Mayor
Date: 6-12-2001
Attest: Janice C. Bicandi
9/14/05

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO

The following grievance procedure is established to meet the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act as amended and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1190 (ADA).

According to these laws, the City of Marsing, as a recipient of an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funds, certifies that all citizens shall have the right to submit a grievance on the basis of disability in policies or practices regarding employment, services, activities, facilities, or benefits provide by the City of Marsing.

When filing a grievance, citizens must provide detailed information to allow an investigation, including the date, location and description of the problem. The grievance should be in writing and should include the name, address, telephone number of the complainant. Upon request, alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tap recording, will be made available for individuals with disabilities upon request. The compliant should be submitted by the complainant or his/her designees as soon as possible, but no later than 60 days after the alleges violation. Complaints must be signed and sent to:

Name/Title of Coordinator
Janice C. Bicandi
Address P.O. Box 125 Marsing, Id. 83639
Telephone Number 208-896-4122

Within 15 calendar days after receiving the compliant, (Name f ADA coordinator) will meet with the complainant to discuss the compliant and possible resolution. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting. (Name of ADA Coordinator) will respond in writing. Where appropriate, the response shall be in a format accessible to the complainant (such as large print and audio tape). The response will explain the position of the City of Marsing and offer options for resolving the compliant.

If the response by (Name of ADA coordinator) does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant or his designee may appeal the decision of the ADA coordinator. Appeals must be made within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response. Appeals must be directed to the Mayor or his designee.

Within 15 calendar days after receiving the appeal, the Mayor or his designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the compliant and to discuss possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, the Mayor or his designee will provide a response in writing. Where appropriate, the response shall be in a format accessible to the complainant. The response shall be accompanied by a final resolution of the complaint. The 504/ADA Coordinator shall maintain the files and records of the City of Marsing pertaining to the complaints filed for a period

of three years after the grant is closed out.

Other Compliant Procedures

All individuals have a right to a prompt and equitable resolution. Individuals or classes of individuals who believe they have been subjected to discrimination bases on disability have several ways to file a grievance.

- use the grievance procedure provided by the City of Marsing
- file a compliant with any agency that provides funding to the City of Marsing
- file with one of the eight federal agencies designated in the Title II regulations

Under Title II, filing a grievance with the City’s ADA Coordinator, filing a complaint with a federal agency, or filing a lawsuit may be done independently of the others. Individuals are not required to file either a grievance or complaint to bring a lawsuit. Lawsuits may be file at any time. The following are four of the eight agencies where a Title II compliant can be filed.

Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Public Access Section, P.O. Box 66738, Washington, DC 20035-9998; Department of Housing & Urban Development, Community Planning and Development, 451 7th Street, Washington, DC 20410-4000; Architectural & Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (ATBCB), 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111; Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) 1801 L. Street NW, Washington, DC 20507

By: Jenny Haken, Mayor
Adoption Date 6-12-2001
By: Janice C. Bicandi
Section 504 Designated Employee
9/14/05

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SUMMARY OF FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO APPROVING A FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY.

A summary of the principal provisions of the Fair Housing Resolution adopted by the City of Marsing on March 10, 1988, is as follows:

Section 1: Sets forth the purpose and intent of civil rights protection legislation and the areas to which the plan will apply.

Section 2: Sets forth the policy an procedure for carrying out activities in a nondiscriminatory manner in project assessment, processing, and decision making.

Section 3: Sets forth the assistance that will be available from the City to those who feel hey have been discriminated against.

Section 4: Sets forth the steps the City will take to publicize his resolution to give notice to the public of the City’s policy and procedures concerning nondiscrimination.

The full text of the Fair Housing Resolution is available at City Hall, City of Marsing, Idaho, and will be provided to any citizen upon personal request to the City Clerk at (208) 896-4122.

Jenny Haken, Mayor
City of Marsing
9/14/05

RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN (UNDER SECTION 104(D) OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED)

The City of Marsing will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low and moderate income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate income housing in connection with activity assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, as described in 24 CFR 570.606(b) through (g).

All replacement housing will be provided within three (3) years after the commencement of the demolition or conversion. Before entering into a contract committing the City of Marsing to provide funds for an activity that will directly result in demolition or conversion, the City of Marsing will make public by Publication in The Owyhee Avalanche and submit to the Idaho Department of Commerce the following information in writing:

1. A description of the proposed assisted activity.
2. The location on a map and number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activities.
3. A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion.
4. The location on a map and the number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units. If such data is not available

at the time of general submission, the City of Marsing will identify the general location on an area map and the approximate number of dwelling units by size and provide information identifying the specific location and number of dwelling units by size as soon as it is available.

5. The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of the replacement dwelling units.
6. The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a low/moderate income dwelling unit for at least ten (10) years from the date of initial occupancy.
7. I n f o r m a t i o n demonstrating that any proposed replacement of dwelling units with smaller dwelling units (e.g., a two-bedroom unit with one-bedroom units) is consistent with the housing needs of lower income households in the jurisdiction.

The City of Marsing, 208-896-4122, is responsible for tracking the replacement of housing and ensuring it is provided within the required period.

The City of Marsing, 208-896-4122, is responsible for ensuring requirements are met for notification and provision of relocation assistance, as described in CFR 570.606(b) through (g), to any lower income person displaced by the demolition of any dwelling unit or the conversion of a low/moderate income dwelling unit to another use in connection with an assisted activity.

Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, The city of Marsing will take the following steps to minimize the displacement of persons from their homes:

1. C o o r d i n a t e c o d e enforcement with rehabilitation and housing Assistance programs.
2. Evaluate housing codes and rehabilitation standards in reinvestment Areas to prevent placing undue financial burden on long-established Owners or tenants of multi-family buildings.
3. Stage rehabilitation of apartment units to allow tenants to remain During and after rehabilitation by working on empty units or Buildings first.
4. Establish facilities to house persons who must be relocated Temporarily during rehabilitation.
5. Adopt public policies to identify and mitigate displacement Resulting from intensive public investment in neighborhoods.
6. Adopt policies that provide reasonable protection for tenants faced with Conversion to a condominium or cooperative.
7. Adopt tax assessment policies (such as deferred tax payment plans) to Reduce impact of rapidly increasing assessments on lower income Owner-occupants or tenants in revitalizing areas.
8. Establish counseling centers to provide homeowners and

renters with Information on the assistance available to help them remain in their Neighborhood in the face of revitalization pressures.

The City of Marsing hereby certifies it has officially adopted and published said Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. The plan shall become effective 01-09-2001.

Jenny Haken, Mayor
1-11-01
9/14/05

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE TS NO. 05-13518 DOC ID #00098218952005N TITLE ORDER NO. 5610531 PARCEL NO. RP03N05W241830A

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, on 01/04/2006 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 03/29/1999 as Instrument Number 228008, and executed by Nevon W Jerome and Kristy D Jerome, husband and wife, as Grantor(s), in favor of America’s Wholesale Lender, as Beneficiary, to ReconTrust Company, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho: EXHIBIT “A” A tract of land situated within that portion of the Southeast Quarter Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying North and East of the railroad right of way described as follows: COMMENCING at a point where the East boundary line of said Southeast Quarter Northeast Quarter intersects the North boundary line of said railroad right of way, and continuing North along the East boundary line of said Southeast Quarter Northeast Quarter a distance of 400 feet; and continuing Northwesterly on a line parallel with the North boundary line of said railroad right of way and 400 feet North thereof a distance of 653.5 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South a distance of 400 feet to a point on the North boundary line of said railroad right of way; thence Northwesterly along the North boundary line of said railroad right of way a distance of 109 feet; thence North on a line parallel with the East boundary line of said Southeast Quarter Northeast Quarter a distance of 200 feet; thence Southeasterly on a line parallel with the North boundary line of said railroad right of way a distance of 89 feet; thence North parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter Northeast Quarter a distance of 200 feet; thence Southeasterly parallel with the North right of way of said railroad a distance of 20 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, Route 1 Box 156 Market Road, Marsing, ID 83639 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid

at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier’s check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 04/01/2005 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.875% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$58,564.16, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys’ fees, Trustees’ fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, and that the debt may be disputed. The above grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. Dated: -- ReconTrust Company, N.A., 177 Countrywide Way, LAN2-88, Lancaster, CA 80028-1821 Phone: (800) 281-8219 Successor Trustee -- ASAP720645 9/14,21,28;10/5/05

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE T.S. No.: F-41711-ID-DL Loan No.: 1525031

On 12/12/2005 at 11:00 AN (recognized local time), in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as successor Trustee, on behalf of CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. f/ k/a Ford Consumer Finance Company will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee,

State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 16 of Block 37 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Official Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 202 W Oregon Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Ventura Alvor and Maria Alvor also known as J. Ventura Alvor and Maria M. Alvor husband and wife, As grantors, To: First American Title Company, for the benefit and security of Ford Consumer Finance Company, As Beneficiary, dated 10/17/1996, recorded 10/22/1996, as Instrument No. 220119, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 10/17/1998. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$412.40, due per month from 5/2/2005, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$42,933.87, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.25% per annum from 4/2/2005. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: August 12, 2005 By: First American Title Insurance Company, as successor Trustee By: Quality Loan Service Corp., as agent for successor Trustee 319 Elm Street, 2nd Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-3006 (619) 645-7711 For Sale Information call: 916-387-7728 or logon to: www.calpost.com Nicole Fuentes, Trustee Sale Officer ASAP717146 8/24,31;9/7,14/05

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Notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on October 7, 2005, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit: EXHIBIT ‘A’ A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 20’40” East 662.96 feet, along the North line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, to a point which is North 89 degrees 20’ 40” East 662.97 feet from the Northeast corner of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 48’ 05” East 328.56 feet; thence South 0 degrees 45’10” West 337.85 feet, to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence South 89 degrees 23’ 42” East 654.05 feet to a point on the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 45 10” West 332.86 feet, along the said East line; thence North 89 degrees 25’ 14” West 654.05 feet; thence North 0 degrees 45’ 10” East 333.15 feet, to the INITIAL POINT of this description. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of HC 79 Box 1300 China Ditch Road, Melba, ID 83641, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Joel E. Davis and Robyn E. Davis, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Old Kent Mortgage Company d/b/a Republic Mortgage Michigan

Corp., as Beneficiary, dated 6/1/2001, recorded 6/7/2001, under Instrument No. 236114, rerecorded under Auditor’s/Recorder’s No. 241815, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Principal Residential Mortgage. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 6/1/2001, the monthly payment which became due on 5/1/2004 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of August 26, 2005 Delinquent Payments from May 01, 2004 16 payments at \$830.58 each \$13,289.28 (05-01-04 through 08-26-05) Late Charges: \$571.52 Beneficiary Advances: \$3,290.14

Suspense Credit: \$0.00 Total: \$17,150.94 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$98,408.13, together with interest thereon at 7.375% per annum from 4/1/2004, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to b heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. Dated: 8/26/2005 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company Trustee By Gerri Sheppard Authorized Signatory c/o Regional Trustee Services Corporation, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP 721282 9/14,21,28/05



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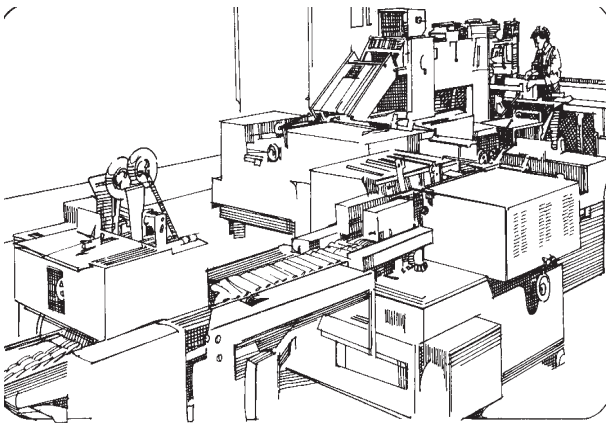
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We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food that were brought in our time of great loss of our loved one. Thank you to Homedale Ambulance for their quick response and medical care they provided. A special thank you to Ez, Chathy Cook, Andy Holgan for their quick response and kind hearts, a special thank you to Chief Jeff Eidemiller for his professional care and kind heart doing everything he could till help arrived and extending his efforts all the way to the hospital. We would like to extend our gratefulness to Paul Zatica for his donation of punch, cake & meals. The Nazarene Church, Pastor Chuck Ryan for all their time and help. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Aaron from Flahiffs, whom we felt went above and beyond his job duties, his kind heart, understanding, smile and hugs made each difficult day ahead easier to deal with. For everything we have received, we greatly appreciate it. The Family of Don Eggleston.

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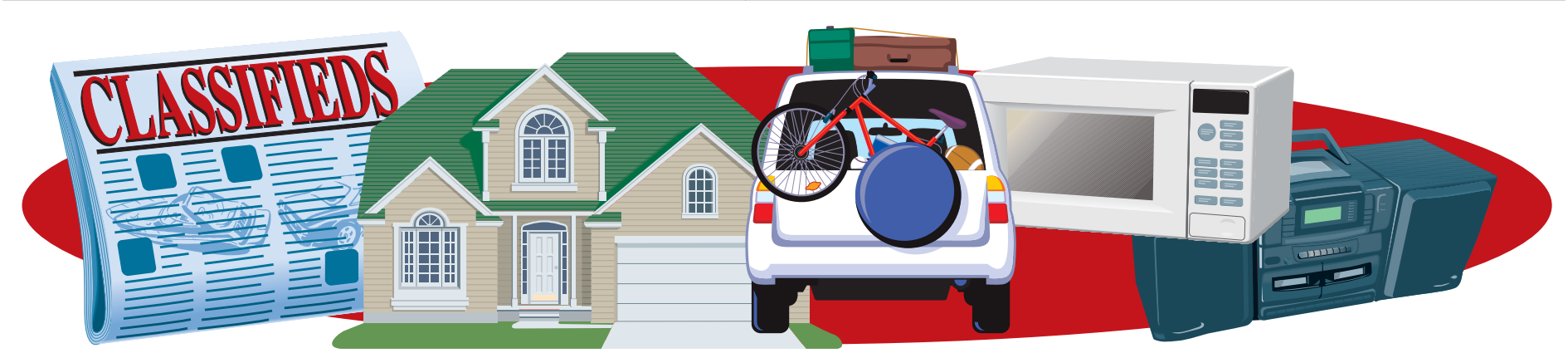
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Help Wanted - Marsing School District. Part Time- School Bus Driver/Transportation Aide; 21st Century Grant Educational Assistant. Call Miren Lowry 896-4111 x197 for application.

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