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New Homedale subdivision in the works

A public hearing is planned after a development company asked Homedale to rezone 10 acres of land to make way for a 45-home subdivision.

Homedale Planning and Zoning will hold a public meeting at

7 p.m. Monday at City Hall to allow the public to provide input on a subdivision planned by BR Maier Properties, LLC. The houses are planned for 10 acres currently zoned commercial located at Railroad Way in the city

limits. The P&Z will have to OK rezoning the parcel for residential use to allow the development.

Ronald Mayhew from BR Maier Properties said Friday that he hopes the P&Z will rezone 45 lots for the homes, but he plans to

leave one section commercial for a future business development.

"It has 46 lots, and we want to build starter homes," Mayhew said. "We have been told that starter homes is the need in this community, and that is what we

plan to build."

Mayhew said the south end of the property would be used for a business in the future.

The lots will be within the city's

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Storm KOs dispatch repeater

Although no other serious damage was reported, a possible lightning strike from last week's severe storm did batter a communications device used by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

The storm prompted the National Weather Service to issue a tornado warning for many parts of southwestern Idaho — including northwestern Owyhee County — on June 13. The

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Repeater site

A repeater on Squaw Butte does not look damaged on the outside, but it was put out of commission for nearly a full day after lightning struck the site last week. Submitted photo

Having a kick



Children flock to annual Homedale soccer camp

Abraham Monreal, left, and Jaime Sotelo transfer the ball back and forth on the run during a passing drill at Wednesday's session of the second annual Homedale High School youth soccer camp. About 40 boys and girls ages 5 to 10 showed up each night for the camp, which was cut to three days by rain. Players from the Trojans' boys and girls soccer teams conducted the free clinic under the supervision of Homedale coaches David Correa and Lesa Folwell. For more on the camp, see **Page 13**.

Silver fire service takes its first step

The decision whether the remote town of Silver City will receive a fire and rescue service is now in the hands of the county commissioners after a public hearing in Murphy last week.

A group in favor of an emergency response team will meet with members of the Silver City Homeowners Association in July and hold another meeting with the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners in August before the county decides whether or not to enter into an agreement with the newly formed fire corporation.

Many residents of the town gathered in a county courtroom June 12 in Murphy to offer testimony in support of and against the formation of a fire and rescue service. Some are concerned about what the service will cost and exactly what membership fees will entitle a person.

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Homedale trustees pass 2 percent raise in salaries

Melba OKs budget, tables decision on next step in levy

The Homedale School District board of trustees approved the 2006-07 budget as presented during a June 12 hearing.

According to a memo issued by schools superintendent Tim Rosandick on the Homedale School District's Web site, the budget includes a 2 percent pay increase on the salary schedule for teachers.

Also outlined in Rosandick's board meeting summary, which was dated June 13, is an enhancement of sick leave benefits for employees.

The superintendent's memo also reported that the number of annual sick days for district employees will rise. Certified and classified employees will have their sick leave increased from nine to 10 days. Administrators' sick leave will go from 10 to 11 days per year.

Rosandick was out of town for a conference last week and was not available for comment.

In other business at its meeting last week, the board accepted the resignation of Todd Thompson, the high school and middle school music director; and Toni Belknap-Brinegar, the freshman volleyball coach.

It also was announced that Marlene Bean has retired as the school

district's food service supervisor. The former Award of Excellence winner had worked in Homedale since September of 1988, according to district clerk Faith Olsen.

Olsen received the district's monthly Award of Excellence at the meeting, too.

"I feel very honored just for the recognition," Olsen said. "I don't expect it. I just come and do my job."

August will mark Olsen's 15th year with the district.

"... Let none of us underestimate how much of Homedale's success can be attributed to the influence of Faith Olsen," Rosandick said during his presentation to the board.

The Homedale school board's annual meeting will be held July 10. At that time, new board member Tim Quintana will be sworn in and elections will be held for board chair and vice chair.

Levy decision delayed

The Melba School Board has tabled until at least next month discussion of its next move in the fight to get a 10-year extension to its plant facilities levy.

School superintendent Bob Larson said trustees had too many



Marlene Bean Retires as food service supervisor for Homedale schools

other items on their plates during a June 12 meeting — including passage of the 2006-07 school budget with no changes — to contemplate the levy issue.

He said the board will revisit the levy extension at its July 10 meeting. Voters in the Melba district have failed to approve the extension in three elections stretching back to August.

Larson said the new budget will include a 3 percent pay raise for teachers and administrators, "consistent with the state allocation," but the pay increase still has to be negotiated.

The board also appropriated \$191,000 of next year's budget for the new state-mandated building maintenance fund.

Larson said \$24,000 will come from the money Melba receives from the state lottery, and the district still is trying to find out if salary for district maintenance workers can be credited to the new fund.

Larson said no major maintenance projects — such as fixing the leaky roof in the district's technology building — have been budgeted for the next year.

Other school budgets

Marsing's school board held its budget hearing Tuesday night. Information on the meeting wasn't available at press time.

The Bruneau/Grand View district held its budget hearing Thursday, while Pleasant Valley's budget meeting was June 12.

— JB

Bids taken for Bruneau water system overhaul

Residents in a small eastern Owyhee County township have been struggling with water issues for nearly 10 years, but now there's light at the end of the tunnel as they begin the third and final stage of a water project that has been ongoing for several years.

Bruneau has finished the first two phases of the project with the installation of a new well and a new holding tank. The town is accepting construction bids for the third phase, which will include the construction of a reverse osmosis water treatment facility and chemical pre-treatment, pressure filtration pre-treatment, conveyance piping, a water treatment building, yard piping and water meter replacement.

In 1997, the residents of Bruneau began a long battle to supply members of its community with "acceptable" drinking water after the town's only well was condemned for unacceptable fluoride levels. Now, the town's water's arsenic levels also are unacceptable under Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) guidelines.

Denise Stewart, Bruneau Water and Sewer District secretary-treasurer, said although the district did not employ her at the time, she is familiar with the process the district has taken since then.

"DEQ condemned our well about that time (1997) for fluoride," Stewart said. "Now (DEQ has) added arsenic to that list because DEQ lowered the levels, and we can't meet the standards."

The town had to scramble to raise enough money to fund the project that ultimately will cost more than \$1 million. The only funds that could be used at the time of the well's condemnation were about \$45,000 per year that the town receives from water and sewer fees. Stewart isn't sure what the town would have done if it weren't for securing grants.

"We passed a bond in about 2001 for \$145,000, but that was gone in the first stage," Stewart said. "Then we got a Sage Community grant for \$265,600, which the county got for us, and a grant from (USDA) Rural Development for \$45,587. Most of that went into the second phase."

For the first and second phase, the town was able to drill a new well, but DEQ lowered the amount of arsenic allowed in domestic water supplies, forcing a new direction for the project.

"We had been condemned for so long, but the change in the arsenic levels is what put us in a real bind," Stewart said. "The arsenic in one well is high and the other is OK, not to code, but

it's OK. But then you run the two together, and it was too high. So, we had to revamp the whole thing to meet code, which has brought us to Phase 3."

Although the well was condemned, residents could drink the water — some of the time.

"We did tests on it every three months or so," Stewart said. "We were passing most of the time, but it usually got bad in the summer months."

Stewart said because of the condemned well and new DEQ requirements, the town was forced to raise its water rates from \$9 for minimum usage to \$19.

"We had to raise the fees to meet the demands of DEQ to reach appropriate water levels," Stewart said. "But we are still well below what other districts charge for water and sewer. We just don't have the funds to take care of a problem without some kind of help."

Stewart said the \$45,000 the town receives annually in water and sewer fees never was going to be enough to complete the project.

The first phase cost about \$235,000 — eating up the funds from the entire bond and some of the first grant. The second phase cost about \$91,000, and Phase 3 is expected to cost about \$750,000. Stewart said the third phase would be paid for by grants as well.

"We got in just in time," Pat Welsh, district board member said of the grant application process. "We had to ask for an extension. Our water is not drinkable, and we have to notify people that they cannot drink it. Some have been drinking bottled water and just doing what they can."

The town has installed a new well, a new holding tank and now needs to install new water meters and a reverse osmosis system.

"Now we can serve over 200 homes," Welsh said. "Right now, we service about 79 homes."

The deadline to submit construction bids for the next phase of the project is 2 p.m. on July 11, and bids can be sent to the Bruneau Water and Sewer District at P.O. Box 194, Bruneau, ID 83604 or delivered to the Fishing Hole at 28661 Bernham Ave. in Bruneau.

Contract documents can be viewed at the Bruneau Public Library, J-U-B Engineers, Inc., at 250 S. Beechwood Ave., Suite 201 in Boise or at the engineering firm's office in Nampa at 217 W. Georgia Ave., at Associated General Contractors at 110 North 27th St. in Boise, or McGraw-Hill Construction at 5254 Chinden Blvd. in Boise.

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55 participate in 4th annual Casual Horse Show

Poison Creek Posse sponsored its fourth annual 4-H Casual Dress Horse Show on June 11 at the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo grounds.

Fifty-five 4-H students participated in the event, which allows horses to be shown unwashed or clipped. Participants can wear casual dress, which includes T-shirts, caps, jeans and cowboy boots.

Judges for the event were John Mills, Washington County 4-H horse leader and cow work instructor for District II Idaho Youth Horse Council Ranch Horse Project, and Lori Nettleton, a past 4-H horse member who currently is in the Registered Nurse Program at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. Nettleton is working at St. Luke's in Meridian.

The ring steward for the event was past Posse 4-H member Alysha Bahem.

Prizes awarded along with first- through 10th-place ribbons included keychain-sized decks of cards, patriotic tattoos and red, white and blue yo-yos.

Winners included:

Senior Showmanship: 1st Kori Agin-Batten, 2nd Kinzie Reuck, 3rd Kortney Bahem, 4th Jessica Will, and 5th Andrew Eubanks. The drawing winner was Kortney Bahem

Intermediate Showmanship: 1st Brittany Rahier, 2nd Sierra Ridley, 3rd Becky Carter, 4th Emma Bennett, 5th Kate Blackstock, 6th Rachel Williams, 7th Kelsey Dolence, 8th Stephanie Hylton, 9th Tanner Lair, and 10th Evan Sneider. Exhibition ribbons awarded to Todd Bahem, Elisha Ressler, Jessica Eubanks, Matthew Sneider and Sarah Smith. Drawing winner was Todd Bahem.

Junior Showmanship: 1st Lacey Usabel, 2nd Joe Mills, 3rd Jackie Phillips, 4th Britt Eubanks, 5th Elizabeth Gramps, 6th Evon Timmons, 7th Cejay Villa Partello, 8th Emily Hicks, 9th Carrissa Lirgg,

and 10th Chastity Villa Partello. Exhibition ribbons awarded Taylor Vandeventer, Shenise Williams, Phaedra Stevenson, Lorianne Ressler, Beth Bennett and Rachelle Ressler. Drawing winner was Rachelle Ressler.

Novice Showmanship: 1st Jaycee Engle, 2nd Carlie Purdom, 3rd Hannah Iwersen, 4th McKayla Mills, 5th Calie Hoxie, 6th Hailey Menchaca, 7th Katie Gerwig, 8th Triston Hylton, 9th Jaycee Gibbons, and 10th Jessica York. Drawing winner was Triston Hylton.

Adult Showmanship: 1st Jacqueline Gradney, 2nd Amber Will, 3rd Miriam Haylett, 4th Sandy Waggoner, 5th Christina Floyd and drawing winner was Miriam Haylett.

Senior Western Equitation: 1st Kortney Bahem, 2nd Jessica Will, 3rd Andrew Eubanks, 4th Kinzie Reuck, 5th Kori Agin-Batten. Drawing winner was Kortney Bahem.

Intermediate Western Equitation: 1st Kate Blackstock, 2nd Sierra Ridley, 3rd Todd Bahem, 4th Becky Carter, 5th Jessica Eubanks, 6th Brittany Rahier, 7th Elisha Ressler, 8th Rachel Williams, 9th Stephanie Hylton and 10th Emma Bennett. Drawing winner was Sierra Ridley.

Junior Western Equitation: 1st Britt Eubanks, 2nd Lacey Usabel, 3rd Joe Mills, 4th Elizabeth Gramps, 5th Rachelle Ressler, 6th Evon Timmons, 7th Carissa Lirgg, 8th Chastity Villa Partello, 9th Emily Hicks and 10th Cejay Villa Partello. Drawing winner was Shenise Williams.

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Adult Western Equitation: 1st Rhonda Menchaca, 2nd Miriam Haylett, 3rd Jacqueline Gradney,

4th Mary Blackstock, 5th Sandy Wagner, and 6th Christina Floyd, 7th Amber Will and drawing winner was Christina Floyd.

Senior Bareback Equitation: 1st Kori Agin-Batten, 2nd Kinzie Reuck, 3rd Kortney Bahem, 4th Andrew Eubanks, and 5th Jessica Will.

Intermediate Bareback Equitation (all received patriotic tattoos): 1st Sierra Ridley, 2nd Brittany Rahier, 3rd Stephanie Hylton, 4th Elisha Ressler, and 5th Kate Blackstock.

Junior Bareback Equitation (all received patriotic tattoos): 1st Joe Mills, 2nd Lacey Usabel, 3rd Jackie Phillips, 4th Carrissa Lirgg, 5th Cejay Villa Partello, 6th Britt Eubanks, 7th Beth Bennett, and 8th Chastity Villa Partello.

Novice Bareback Equitation (all received red, white and blue yo-yos): 1st Hailey Menchaca, 2nd McKayla Mills, 3rd Hannah Iwersen, 4th Carlie Purdom, 5th Katie Gerwig, 6th Jaycee Engle, and 7th Jessica York.

Adult Bareback Equitation: 1st Miriam Haylett and 2nd Amber Will.

Senior Reining: 1st Kinzie Reuck, 2nd Andrew Eubanks, 3rd Kortney Bahem, 4th Jessica Will, and 5th Kori Agin-Batten. Drawing winner was Andrew Eubanks.

Intermediate Reining: 1st Jessica Eubanks, 2nd Stephanie Hylton, 3rd Becky Carter, 4th Kate Blackstock, 5th Todd Bahem, 6th Elisha Ressler, 7th Brittany Rahier, 8th Sierra Ridley, 9th Rachel Williams, and 10th Emma Bennett. Drawing winner was Emma Bennett.

Junior Reining: 1st Lacey Usabel, 2nd Britt Eubanks, 3rd Jackie Phillips, 4th Elizabeth Gramps, and 5th Joe Mills. Drawing winner was Britt Eubanks.

Novice Reining: 1st Carlie Purdom, 2nd McKayla Mills, 3rd Jessica York, 4th Katie Gerwig, 5th Jaycee Engle, and 6th Calie Hoxie. Drawing winner was

Katie Gerwig.

Adult Reining: 1st Miriam Haylett, 2nd Amber Will, 3rd Sandy Waggoner. Drawing winner was Amber Will.

Senior Trail: 1st Kortney Bahem, 2nd Kinzie Reuck, 3rd Kori Agin-Batten, and 4th Jessica Will,

Intermediate Trail: 1st Kate Blackstock, 2nd Sierra Ridley, 3rd Tanner Liar, 4th Becky Carter, 5th Todd Bahem, 6th Brittany Rahier, 7th Elisha Ressler, 8th Emma Bennett, 9th Stephanie Hylton and 10th Kelsey Dolence.

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Motorcycle accident kills Boise woman

A spokesman from Idaho State Police said a Boise woman died in a motorcycle accident on Highway 51 outside of Bruneau on Friday afternoon when the driver of the bike failed to negotiate a curve in the road, went off the shoulder and overcorrected the motorcycle.

Aimee Larae Brunson, 39 of Boise, the passenger on the bike, was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver, Crandall Copp, 57 of Boise, was taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise by air ambulance. He was listed in critical condition Monday morning.



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Summer reading days set at Marsing library

The Lizard Butte Library in Marsing has jumped on the bandwagon for the summer reading program, “Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales.”

The free four-week program will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at the library at 105 Main Street (inside the Owyhee Plaza) beginning July 11.

Children of any age are welcome to attend, and those who are not independent readers can read with their parents.

The first session of the summer reading event is July 11 with “The Perfect Pet for Me.” Children will read about the adventures of Dinosaur Bob and have the chance to make a pet to take home.

The July 18 theme is “Wild, Tame and In-between,” and the program will feature the story of Fluffy, a pirate dog that is both wild and tame. Everyone will be able to make and take the best dog home — one that will never shed anywhere, although it is

able to hang around anywhere.

On July 25, the theme will be “Fins, Feathers and Fur Balls.” The featured reading will be about a singing cow, and the children will make their own backyard pool with animals to swim in it.

The final session on Aug. 1 is entitled “Imagine that.” Attendees will read about how to take care of their monsters then will make their own monsters to take home.

Library officials advise parents to be prepared that some baking will be required when the children get home from this session. But the end results are promised to be tasty.

The library’s summer reading program also will feature a giveaway for the children who reach their reading goals.

For more information on the program, call (208) 896-4690 or e-mail lizardbuttlibrary@yahoo.com.

Correction
Because of information given to The Owyhee Avalanche, the name of the youngster who won the barrel-racing event at the Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H spring fling was incorrect. The winner was Jessie Wood.

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Stinky invasion sends Homedale business owner scrambling

It was just another normal business day June 12 for Les Schwab Tire Center owner Dennis Pruett ... or so he thought. As employees were cleaning up the Homedale shop for the day, a stinky discovery was made. A mommy skunk and seven babies had decided to move to a new home with a little help ... inside the local tire center. "It wasn't that good of a deal

when you are on this side, but when you are on the other side, it's pretty funny," Pruett said with a laugh when reached for comment June 13. "We found five of them, but two of them couldn't be found. If they're still in here, they're hiding pretty good." Pruett said the skunk sprayed three of his employees. But other than that, no one, including the

smelly family, was injured. Pruett said the store did not have to be shut down, but the doors were wide open the next day to help air it out. "It's pretty stinky in here still, but it is not as bad as last night," Pruett said. Pruett poked fun at neighboring businessman Ben Badiola when theorizing on how the skunks migrating into his shop.

"We had a bay open, and Badiola herded them in," Pruett said. "I have no doubt that they had some help. He had a plastic pipe, and he was helping them get in." Pruett said about 20 people arrived to help him locate the critters, which took a short time. "It was pretty comical," Pruett said. "There was a whole bunch

of them. Larry Corta called and asked if this was the Stinker Station. We survived the attack." Pruett said he and his employees would work outside if they had to, but they would remain open under most any conditions. He said the babies were a few weeks old, and everyone is safe and sound.

— CAB

From page 1

√ Storm

severe weather also damaged a main repeater — an electronic device that receives signals and retransmits to longer distances, used by the sheriff's office. Law enforcement dispatch was interrupted on its main repeater at South Squaw for almost 24 hours after the storm damaged the site on Squaw Butte. Dispatchers were forced to use Rough Mountain and Cinnabar repeaters to transmit communications for emergency services until the site could be accessed Wednesday. A spokesman from the sheriff's office said Wednesday that although the loss of the repeater did not delay transmissions, it was an inconvenience for dispatchers who had to monitor several channels instead of the county's one main channel. Mick Berger, the communications contractor for the county and owner of Intermountain Communications

in Mountain Home, traveled to the remote area Wednesday morning and said that he thought lightning had hit the master antenna system and destroyed the distribution amplifier. Berger said the amplifier is property of the State of Idaho and that state officials had tried to access the area the night before, but were unable to make it to the repeater. "There is some erosion on the creek again, and I came across a pickup and horse trailer stuck in the mud. But the area actually does not look to have sustained much damage," Berger said Wednesday from the remote site. "I am not seeing any wind damage, but I believe we sustained a lightning strike to the repeater. I will install another repeater to get the county back online until the state can get up here and fix the distribution amplifier." National Weather Service forecaster Les Colin said Wednesday that although reports

could not be confirmed, the service felt confident enough that a tornado was in the area to issue a warning. "This was issued because an immediate radar signature showed many of the signs of tornadoes that can be identified," Colin said. "We didn't get any eyewitness accounts of it, but sometimes we have to warn in advance for what can be seen on the radar. The kind of signatures we were seeing (June 13) doesn't happen very often anywhere. It was a rare situation." Colin said the signature tracked slightly west of Silver City as it passed by. He said a funnel cloud was reported in the Melba area after the issuance of the warning, but the formation could not be directly confirmed. The original warning was prompted by radar detection of a tornado 17 miles southwest of Silver City. "That one, in such a remote area, looked like possibly the strongest of signatures, but we don't know what was out there,"

Colin said. "I think the only way to tell that one is with a flyover." "It was very similar in appearance on radar to the one that struck Bear on June 4. Due to the remoteness, if there were no forest, it would be difficult to determine if there was any damage of any kind." He said he could not recall the last time a tornado warning had been issued in Owyhee County, but he was certain it had been many years. Colin was not aware of any plans to fly over the area because no damage had been reported. By radar, Colin could not determine what the size of the twister might have been. The tornado warning was issued for northwestern Owyhee County, southern Ada County and southeastern Canyon County and expired at 4:30 p.m. on June 13, but no official sightings were reported in the area. At 3:42 p.m. the National Weather Service Doppler

radar indicated a line of severe thunderstorms that were capable of producing a tornado along a line that extended from 13 miles northwest of Reynolds to 6 miles south of Murphy to 27 miles southwest of Grand View. Heavy rain and wind was reported in the Grand View and Oreana area, and hail also fell several times throughout the evening in Murphy and outlying areas. Jordan Valley reported hail at 1½ inches in size. A severe thunderstorm watch remained in effect until 9 p.m. June 13 for southwestern Idaho. A tornado was reported in Wagontire, Ore., a southeastern Oregon city in Harney County, but was only considered to be a F-0 — or weak — on the Fujita scale of tornado intensity. It sustained winds of less than 72 mph and affected an area of mostly sagebrush. No reports of damage were made.

— CAB

√ Homes

requirements of 7,000 to 8,000 square feet. He said home prices would range from about \$150,000 to about \$175,000 each. "It is kind of like the chicken and the egg. You have to bring people to bring business, but you have to bring business to bring people," Mayhew said. "There is commercial business coming in, and now we need to bring in more people." Mayhew's company donated \$50,000 to the city to cover a nearby ditch. He said he and his partners did not want to put children in new homes with the hazard of the ditch. Mayhew said the subdivision would have paved streets, curbs and gutters and would meet all of the city's required guidelines. Mayhew said he hopes to begin some building later this year. The company also has purchased a piece of property at the entrance of town. He said currently he is researching exactly what will be built on the property at U.S. Highway 95 and Idaho Avenue, but a restaurant or a motel is a possibility.

— CAB

√ Silver

Jim Hyslop, a representative for the proposed service, said the annual fee would be \$100. Hearing officer Fred Grant told the group that a public hearing was being held because other residents who will be impacted by the service are contesting the formation of a fire district. The company has been filed as a non-profit corporation with the Idaho Secretary of State's Office and has received a 501(c)3 tax-exempt status, which qualifies it as a non-profit entity. Hyslop, a member of the prospective district's board of directors, stated during the hearing, that the corporation was formed to "protect the lives and property of the property owners, visitors and wild land in and around Silver City." "Myself, Jan and Jess Hyslop, Dave Wilper and our wilderness first aid instructor, Doug Trosky, have formed the non-profit fire department with first-responder medical capabilities," Hyslop told the board. "Membership in the department will be open to community residents that commit to the service. Non-subscribers

will be billed for the service if they use it." Jim Hyslop said Silver City receives many calls to respond for fire and rescue. He said he hopes to provide first-responder emergency medical first aid and fire service. In an informational flyer sent to community members in February, Hyslop said structure fire training is a long-term goal, but for now the department would have to use the "surround and drown" method because of a lack of appropriate equipment. "Training for structural fire suppression — Due to inherent dangers and the huge requirement for adequate equipment, our ability to fight a structure fire in Silver will be limited to what is known as, 'surround and drown,' " the flyer said. "With this new department started, we hope that structural response equipment and training will soon follow." Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said he is in full support of an emergency response team, but could not comment on the formation of a fire department. "We really do need someone in Silver City who can respond as a first-responder," Aman told the commissioners. "We receive

many calls for emergency services in the Silver City area. I am in full support of a first-responder service." Ann VanWassenhove, president of the Silver City Homeowners Association, told the commissioners she and other homeowners had many concerns about a fire department and the possibility of a fire district. She submitted a statement, which included questions about obligation, payments and the possibility of a fire district. "It seems that we as a town have always been able to keep up with the supply and demand of our injured," VanWassenhove told the board. "If there is such a need, then why hasn't the county, BLM (Bureau of Land Management), all of the Life-Flights and so on come together with us to put together a plan of action?" Hyslop stated that the company has received a \$4,400 wild land fire and training materials grant from the Idaho Department of Lands. First-responder medical training was cooperatively provided by BLM, state Emergency Medical Services and by the Boise Airport. He said US Ecology and Bowman Sand and Gravel also donated enough materials to create 2,500 square feet of landing zones for

air ambulance. "(Silver City Fire and Rescue) has no motivation to deprive any property owner of his or her property," Hyslop said. "Property owners can refuse service, and we won't provide service. Subscribers can enroll for \$100 per year." Hyslop said the purpose of the agreement with the county is to allow Silver City Fire and Rescue (SCF&R) to recover costs of responding to emergency needs. "Mostly SCF&R will be responding to medical emergencies due to accidental injury of severe health problems," Hyslop said. "Early care could mean life or death for the patient. Immediate response to any fire brings the best hope for the best outcome. Helicopter ambulance service will become more efficient and safer for the air crew by having experienced responders on the ground."

— CAB

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Obituaries

Carol Lopez

Carol Lopez passed away on June 10, 2006 after her life was cut short by a battle with cancer. She was a graduate of Homedale High School in Homedale, Idaho in May of 1979. Carol moved to southern California where she attended college earning her associate degree in Business Administration. She resided several years in Tustin, California and worked as a full charge bookkeeper.

Carol's great passion in life was learning. She was often kidded about being a lifelong college student. In fact she was attending Cypress College in southern California when her health prevented her from completing her courses.



She was preceded in death by her parents Roman and Angelita

Lopez both of Homedale. Carol is survived by her 15 loving brothers and sisters who live throughout the Western United States. She had great affection for her many nieces and nephews and she will be greatly missed by all of her family.

Memorial graveside services will be held at the Wilder Cemetery on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 2:00 P.M., under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Friends and family are welcome to attend the ceremony. The family is requesting donations be made in Carol's name to the cancer research or charity of your choice.

So sis, this is not a goodbye, we will see you later!

Raymond R. Meininger

Raymond R. Meininger, 83, died June 12, 2006 in a Boise hospital. Ray had suffered from Parkinsons. Ray was born November 15, 1922 in Odebolt, Iowa to Rev. Gustave and Alma Reineking Meininger.

Ray graduated from the Plymouth Wisconsin high school and attended Mission House College in Franklin, Wisconsin and later attended the University of Wisconsin where he met Margaret Borrebek, his future wife. He was given orders to be drafted in March 1942. He was sent to Germany at the ending of the war and afterwards became an interpreter

and driver for the major of his army division. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and returned to Madison Wisconsin where he and Margaret were married that week. They left to live in a new house and farm provided by his relatives in Caldwell. They lived there for a short time and then bought their own farm where they lived for 45 years. They sold the farm and moved to Marsing.

Ray enjoyed playing cards, dancing, playing the organ, traveling, hunting & fishing. He was a member of Farm Bureau and the American Legion. He became an honorary chapter

member of the FFA in 1977.

Survivors include: Margaret, his wife for 60 years, their six children, Douglas, Matthew and Daniel Meininger and Katharine Pike, Jeanette Drake and Drucy Swakhammer, 9 brothers & sisters & 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m. at the Marsing Nazarene Church. Luncheon will be served at noon at Senior Citizen in Marsing. A Military Honor service will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Marsing Cemetery.

Donations maybe made to the Senior Center, 128 Main St., Marsing.

Honor roll

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School

The fourth-quarter honor roll from Rimrock Junior-Senior High school:

4.0 grade-point average — Awbrey Anderson, Edith Ruiz, Alan Draper, Emily Hegerhorst, Leigh Martin, Ellie Cantrell, Anna Cantrell, Emily Chandler, Hugo Araujo, Shelby Chandler, Francisco Garcia, Bobby Jackson, Travis Dawson, Carolann Wilson

3.75-3.99 GPA — Caitlin Day, Logan Thomas, Stevie Richardson, Deana McCallum, Jackie Thurman, Lyndie Gillespie, Kody Schiermeier, Chris Hipwell, Lee Gray, Blake Welsh, Cole Merrick, Kim Hyun A., Robynn Ridley

3.50-3.74 GPA — Connor Merrick, Chelsey Lemon, Cy Lootens, Ana Alcantar, Shannon Hipwell, Alyssa Snyder, Stephen Campbell, Megan McLing, Corey Worthington, Veronica Bravo, Brian Meyers, Kathleen Wilson,

Sierra Ridley, Brian Simper, Ariel Turner, Nathan Hofer, Reid Hipwell and Alexandra Thomas

3.25-3.49 GPA — Estrella Ayala, Lois Fisher, Kaile Murray, Cody McCarthy, Brittany Rahier, Jay Long, Alberto Ontiveros, Sam Richardson, Karen Morales, Jessica Santesso, BreAnne Merrick, Sadie Timmons, Sarah Chandler, Chalea Oliberos, Kaeloni Roberson, Lenzi Murray, Joseph Morrison, Travis Jackson, Chelsea Cole and Jessica Andrews

3.0-3.24 GPA — Malissa Carrillo, Kyle Lahtinen, Stetson Dick, Laura Smith, Marco Jacobo, Brittany Boman, Chelsey Wilson, Shoni Gennette, Cindy Salinas-Gomez, Anthony Hofer, Bryce Collett, Maria Araujo, Jose Ramirez, Melanie Simper, Weslee Aquiso, Travis Hipwell, Mirandie Denton, Oscar Guevara and Eliamar Quezada

Calendar

Today
What's Hot at the Library speaker program, noon, free, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. RSVP at (208) 845-2345 or (208) 845-2131
Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales summer reading program, 3:30 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4228

Thursday
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

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Wednesday
Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales summer reading program, 3:30 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4228

Thursday, June 29
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Monday, July 3
Kick Off Your 4th in Marsing

on the 3rd celebration, barbecue, fireworks, Doodle Bug Race, 6 p.m., Marsing City Park

Thursday, July 6
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Tuesday, July 11
Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales summer reading program, free, 3 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 105 Main Street in Owyhee Plaza, Marsing. (208) 896-4690
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Thursday, July 13
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
Owyhee Garden Club meeting, 1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

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Senior news

Homedale center menu
June 22: Baked fish, mac & cheese, carrots, roll, milk.
June 27: Sweet & sour pork, stir fry vegetables, rice, milk.
June 28: Baked ziti (noodles) w/meat sauce, salad, roll, milk.
June 29: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes/gravy, salad, milk.

Marsing center menu
June 22: Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, salad, soup,

dessert, drink.
June 26: Meat loaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad, fruit, soup, dessert, drink.
June 27: Chicken & dumplings, yams, applesauce, green salad, bread, dessert, drink.
June 28: Sweet & sour pork, rice, mixed veggies, pea salad, soup, dessert, drink.
June 29: BBQ beef, fries, baked beans, corn on the cob, soup, dessert, drink.



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Dear Dave,

My wife is divorcing me, and we just had our first baby boy. I feel it's my responsibility to take care of her until the divorce is final and to keep her in a safe vehicle. Right now, she's driving a 1982 Honda Civic, and it's so small any kind of wreck could be a disaster. I'm thinking about buying her a new car. What do you think?

— Mike

Dear Mike,

I'm really sorry you guys are going through all this, especially with a brand new baby in the mix. I appreciate your nobility and attitude about the situation, but you need to realize that once you're divorced, it's no longer your responsibility to take care of your wife. Divorce carries a lot of emotional stress and worry for everyone involved, but I don't think buying her a new car will solve anything. It may actually lead her to expect even more from you later on.

I'm going to take a wild guess that the truth of the matter is you're worried about your child, and this whole thing is breaking your heart. That's natural, Mike, and it means you love your baby. But a "safe" car doesn't have to mean a brand new car. You could put her in a 1974 Suburban and she'd be safe because those things are tanks!

If it were me, I'd find a very large used car, one that either one of you can pay for with cash, and let her drive off into the sunset. But spend every second you can hugging and loving on your little boy. He's going to need someone like you in his life.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

You're always talking about accumulating piles of cash. I've gone to church for several years, and the Bible says not to lay up treasures on earth. Doesn't that mean that we shouldn't accumulate wealth or be greedy?

— George

Dear George,

The Bible also says in Proverbs that in the house of the wise there are stores of choice food and oil.

If you look back through scripture, you'll find that many



of the major Biblical characters were very wealthy people who understood they were not the owners of the money and wealth. They understood that their job was to manage these things properly for God's glory.

I can appreciate your concern, George, but when I talk about piles of cash my frame of reference is that we're to handle our money and other possessions for good and for God. It's not about greed or to use in buying bigger and better things for ourselves.

But you can't do good if you don't have the strengths to do good.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I've got a mobile home that I still owe \$28,000 on that I use as a rental property. It sits on an acre of land that's worth about \$10,000, and I paid that off a few years ago. I'm thinking about refinancing the mobile home and going from an interest rate of 11.25 percent down to 8 percent. Do you think I should do this?

— Karen

Dear Karen,

I'd refinance the mobile home, but you've got a bigger issue here. Should you KEEP the mobile home? And the answer is, "No."

Right now, you've got a big chunk of cash wrapped up in something that's going down in value like a rock. I'd sell that thing in a heartbeat, Karen. Otherwise, you're going to see \$28,000 worth of mobile home turn into about \$8,000 over the next few years. That's not a good investment strategy.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at davesays.org. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Marsing

gearing up for July 3 celebration

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce is focused on getting a jump on the town's Fourth of July celebration. In fact, the town is so eager to celebrate the nation's birthday that the event is held on July 3.

The Kick Off Your 4th in Marsing on the 3rd celebration will begin at 6 p.m. July 3 at City Park with the annual Lions Club Barbecue. The annual Doodle Bug Race will be held after the barbecue, with fireworks to follow.

The best place for viewing the fireworks is Marsing's Island Park, according to organizers. The fireworks will be launched after darkness falls, sometime around 10:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Other prime viewing areas include City Park or a spot across the Snake River.

"This will be an outstanding fireworks show," Marsing chamber president Bill O'Connor said in a press release. "And it presents a great opportunity to begin celebrating our nation's birthday a bit early."

Organizers ask for donations during the event to offset the cost of the fireworks display, but the Doodle Bug Race earlier in the evening also is a huge fund-raiser for the show.

Race tickets will be available from Lions Club members during the barbecue in City Park. Tickets are \$3 each or five for \$10. The tickets correspond with a ping-pong ball that is placed in the creek running through City Park. The winning ping pong ball of the race downstream nets the appropriate ticket-holder a \$250 first prize. Second place gets \$125, and third place wins \$75.

Tickets for the barbecue are \$25 for a family, \$7 for adults 17 and older, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for youth ages 12 to 16 and \$2 for children younger than 12.

School

menus

Marsing summer meals June 22-30

June 22: Cereal, yogurt, milk/juice; Weiner wraps, corn, fruit, strawberry shortcake, milk.

June 23: French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, milk/juice; Burritos, fruit, veggies, cookie, milk.

June 26: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, milk/juice; Sloppy Joe, baked beans, fruit, chips, milk.

June 27: Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk/juice; Pizza, salad, corn, cinnamon roll, milk.

June 28: Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk/juice; Nachos w/toppings, refried beans, fruit, milk.

June 29: Cereal, yogurt, milk/juice; Chicken nuggets, green beans, strawberries and bananas, milk.

June 30: French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, milk/juice; Tacos with fixings, rice, peach crisp, veggie sticks, milk


Note — Breakfast is served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. These services are free to any child from the ages of 1-18; they just need to show up and eat their meal on school grounds.

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Boys State offers fun, education for pair

Rimrock students learn about inner-workings of all levels of government

Black engages in debate on floor of Statehouse

Joseph Black has a knack for make-believe, so the Rimrock High School senior-to-be was a perfect fit for the mock government exercises at Gem Boys State earlier this month.

Black, who is the Drama Club president at Rimrock and moonlights as a lead actor at a Glenns Ferry dinner theater, was pleasantly surprised after his experience in the weeklong (June 4-10) summer political science course held annually at Gowen Field in Boise.

Members of Bruneau American Legion Post 83 appointed Black and Rimrock classmate Bobby Jackson to Boys State.

"I thought all fears had been confirmed and that it would be terribly boring," Black said of his first-day impression. "But the next day it was so much fun.

"(Boys State delegates) were put in different groups, and we became friends very fast. I was disappointed that I wasn't in the same group with my friend, Bobby. ... But I became friends with people I'm still in contact with."

One of those friends is Blake Wasden, the son of Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, a former prosecuting attorney in Owyhee County.

Black's experience with the fictional attorney general at Boys State wasn't as friendly, though. He and a few of his fellow citizens were hauled into a mock trial when the AG charged them with disturbing the peace and conduct unbecoming a Boys State delegate.

"We decided we'd race our beds back and forth across the barracks, and we were making an awful lot of noise," Black

Joseph Black

Age: 17
School: Rimrock
Hometown: Bruneau
Parents: Chris and Dixie

said.

After turning down a plea bargain that would have forced him to testify against his fellow delegates — and with the favorable testimony of the barracks' American Legion chaperone — Black was acquitted of the conduct unbecoming charge. He did have to pay a mock fine of \$20 for the disturbing the peace charge.

"The group I was in, I really liked them, but we were really rowdy," Black said.

"In the off-time, apparently, we didn't have enough to keep us busy."

That really wasn't the case at Boys State, though. Delegates worked on developing governments at the city, county and state levels.

"It was really, really busy," Black said of the opening day June 4. "We had a lot of speakers, and they were interesting. But we were sitting in the auditorium for five hours in a row with only 15-minute breaks."

The 17-year-old Black, who is the son of Chris and Dixie Black from Bruneau, served as city manager for Mount Idaho and lost in the Gold Party primary election for lieutenant governor.

"I started out as the city manager and observed all the city officers in Mount Idaho," Joseph Black said. "I just monitored them, and I had the power to take their job away from them if they weren't doing it right."

Black eventually served in the House of Representatives.

"(That) was a lot of fun, especially because we actually



Rimrock students graduate Boys State

Bobby Jackson, left, and Joseph Black — both incoming seniors at Rimrock High School — pose with their diplomas outside the Gowen Field headquarters after successfully completing Boys State earlier this month. Submitted photo

got to debate the bills that the Boys State delegates wrote, and we got to do so in the actual House chambers of the Statehouse," Black said.

As president of Rimrock's Drama Club, Black has a seat on the school's student body government. Black also said his Boys State experience taught him how to run efficient meetings for the Drama Club next school year.

At this point, he doesn't have any aspirations for political office — even after his time at Boys State. But he will get involved in the political process now.

"I kind of showed me what it entailed and, I don't know, maybe down the road I may change my mind," he said.

"Before I went, I didn't have any aspirations to go register to vote in the Idaho elections, and I think maybe now I will."

— JB

Jackson learns budget building as finance director

After a weeklong stay at Boys State, Bobby Jackson is ready to make a difference at Rimrock High School.

"Before last year, the student body meetings didn't do much. We just planned homecoming and what-not," said Jackson, who will serve as student body vice president when the school year starts Aug. 24.

"We didn't do much about issues, but now that I know things about government, we'll be able to get more done at Rimrock."

Jackson said that after attending the June 4-10 Boys State at Gowen Field in Boise, he has more desire to get some meaningful things done during his senior year at Rimrock.

"I would like to get more active in the system of government," Jackson said.

The 17-year-old applied for Boys State with an eye on getting more knowledge of government to help him in his capacity as student body vice president.

He got that and more.

"It was a lot of fun," Jackson said of Boys State. "The last two days, we went to the capital and got to see the stuff that the senators and representatives use, and we held mock trials with the Supreme Court we had (appointed)."

Boys State also offered scores of delegates the chance to hear about first-hand government experience from the likes of Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, Idaho Secretary of State Ben Ysursa and the Idaho congressional delegation. Sens. Mike Crapo and Larry Craig and Reps. Mike Simpson and C.L. "Butch" Otter took time out of their Washington, D.C., schedules to hold a teleconference with the delegates, according to Jackson.

Bobby Jackson

Age: 17
School: Rimrock
Hometown: Riddle
Parents: Peter and Ruth

"We had these people bringing back what they learned to teach other people," Jackson said. "They gave us advice in getting involved in government."

Jackson, who is an honor roll student at Rimrock and brought home a 4.0 grade-point average in the last quarter of the 2005-06 school year, said he doesn't have any aspirations for political office.

"I kind of got discouraged a little bit about the House and Senate because of the way they always argue and bicker over little things," he said.

But that won't stop him from trying to make things run smoother on campus during his senior year.

"We had a lot of pranks going on (last year), and I would just like to set some rules (to discourage that)," Jackson said.

Jackson, a citizen of Ruby City in Nez Perce County during Boys State, was appointed to the elections board, which precluded him from seeking political office. His responsibility was to make sure the elections run smoothly.

The son of Peter and Ruth Jackson of Riddle, he was appointed state director of both transportation and finance.

"The name makes it sound bigger than it was," Bobby Jackson said. "What it mostly was is we had to learn about what the department did in the government and had to fight for our budget and go through JFAC (Joint Finance Appropriations Committee) negotiations."

He also felt the sting of ordinances passed by his government. He was relegated to cleaning the rest room in the barracks for one day after losing a game of four-square on the night that a particular ordinance was passed.

"Whoever lost the nightly four-square game had to clean up the bathroom for the health inspector the next day," Jackson said. "The night they instituted that ordinance we were already playing, and I was already down (in the game)."

Even though he was bitten by the ordinance, Jackson said he enjoyed his time at Boys State.

"It was a lot of fun, and we got to meet kids from all different-sized high schools," he said. "They put us in groups of about 20 or 21 for the cities."

"I started out not knowing anyone, but came away with a lot of friends."

— JB

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A Field Tour of the NCA is planned for Saturday, July 15, 2006.
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County 4-H pitches in to stock El-Ada pantry

Clubs compete to help annual fair food drive

Through a fun competition, organizers of the Owyhee County Fair food drive are hoping people will get serious about hunger.

The Homedale office of the El-Ada Community Action Partnership has held food drives at the fair each August for the past two years, but organizers came up with a plan to try to give the food drive more impact this year when the fair begins Aug. 7.

“This is our third year, and this is our most aggressive attempt,” El-Ada Owyhee County coordinator Ricardo Vargas said. “(Food drive response) hasn’t been up to our expectations the last two years, so we’re getting pretty radical with this one.

For the first two years of the fair food drive, barrels to collect non-perishable food items were placed at the entrance of the fairgrounds. This year, fair secretary Teri Nielsen said donations can be made at the fair office or the commercial building during the fair.

In another new twist for 2006, the county’s 4-H clubs will be collecting food for El-Ada’s Owyhee pantry throughout the weeks leading up to the fair.

Each of the county’s 24 clubs is collecting dry goods and canned items as part of a contest to see which club can collect the most food between now and the end of the fair on Aug. 12.

Food collected by each club will be weighed, and the total weight will be divided by the number of children in each club. Prizes will be awarded for the best per-capita collection rate.

“We’re trying to get a little more interest in it because they’ve had the food drive before and they’ve had nothing,” said Judith McShane, the 4-H coordinator for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

“We decided to make it more

fun for the kids with weighing food.”

McShane said the 324 children in the Owyhee County 4-H clubs were informed of the food drive in the May newsletter. Food is being collected by individual club members or can be dropped off at the extension office at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing, or at the El-Ada office at 15 W. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

Needy families can contact El-Ada directly at (208) 337-4812 for more information on services and eligibility.

Officials urge anyone dropping off items for the drive to designate which 4-H club should be credited with the food. This will ensure that the clubs will have an accurate weight for all the food donated in their name.

“We’ll post results on the 4-H Web site and keep track of it as it’s going along,” said Debbie Titus at the extension office. “You know how kids are when you put a carrot out there.”

Vargas knows how families are when there is no food out there. He said that the Owyhee branch of El-Ada helps about 160 needy families each month.

And that’s just a drop in the bucket, he suspects.

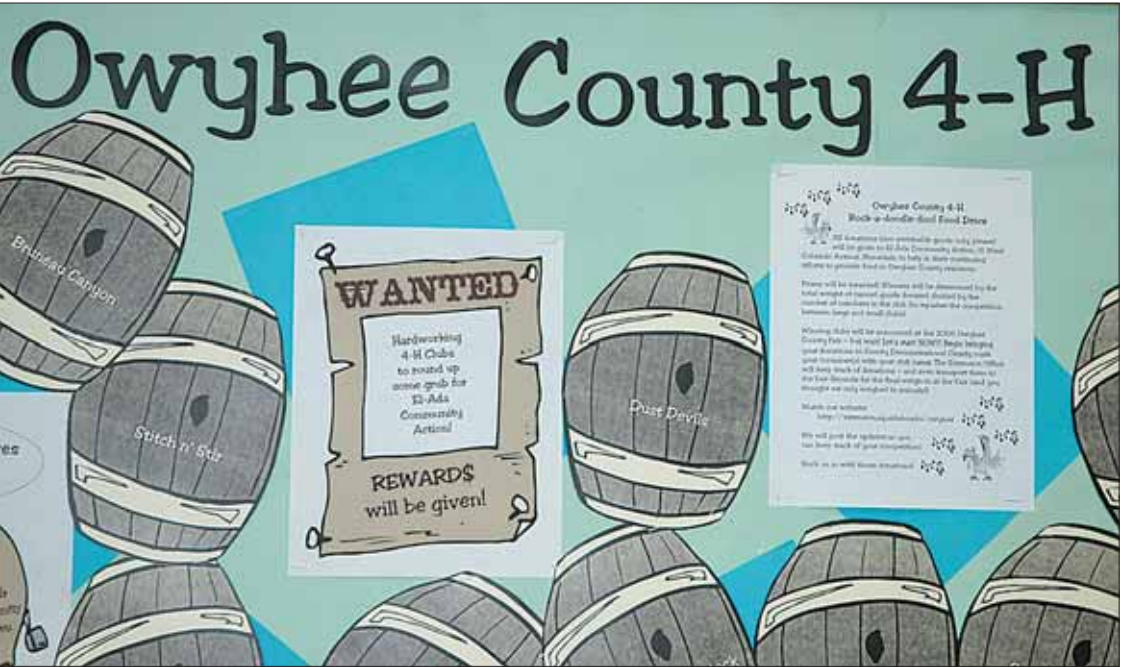
“It’s widespread,” Vargas said.

Vargas said from what he has seen, El-Ada programs providing food, clothing and other social services are necessities in the county.

“The last figures I saw, (Owyhee) was the worst county in the state for hunger,” Vargas said. “The poverty level was somewhere between 20 and 30 percent.”

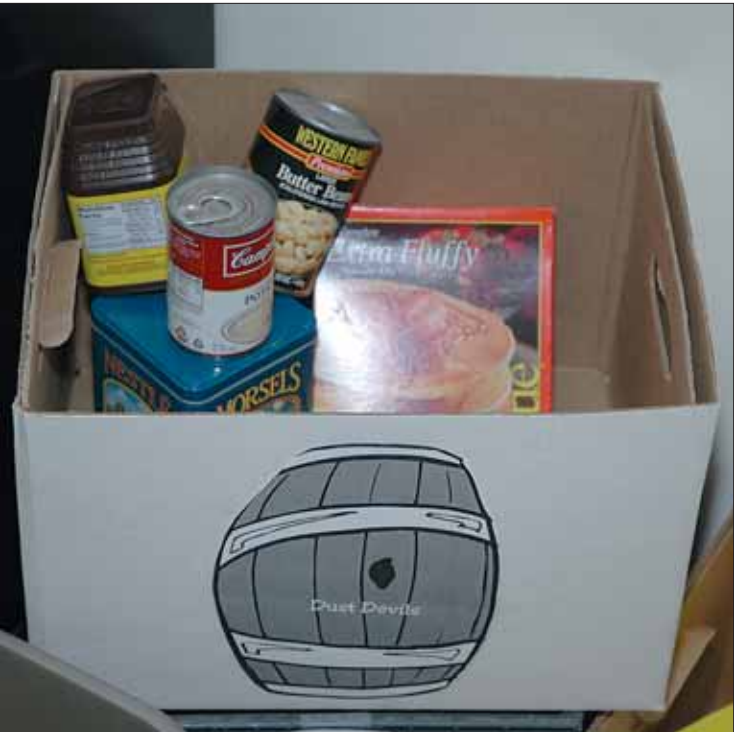
Vargas says reality may be worse than those statistics, though. He’s working with data from the 2000 census — the last study of any kind done on social issues in Owyhee County.

David Proctor of the Idaho Food Bank has said that no hard numbers are available for Owyhee County. But Vargas has heard rumors that a group of University



Fair puts bounty on a bountiful harvest

Owyhee County’s 24 4-H clubs have entered into a competition to collect non-perishable food items for the El-Ada Community Action Partnership’s Owyhee County pantry. The club with the highest pounds of food-to-club-member ratio at the end of the food drive on Aug. 12 will receive a prize.



Food drive already getting results

Owyhee County’s 4-H clubs have jumped behind the 2006 food drive held in conjunction with the county fair. Many clubs, such as the Dust Devils, already have canned and dry goods in their boxes at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

of Washington researchers will examine conditions in five counties in the Northwest, including Owyhee.

“I heard about the study last summer,” Vargas said. “It’s a very slow process.”

Another factor that may skew actual numbers is the lack of knowledge needy county residents may have of El-Ada’s work.

“There are more people we could always help,” Vargas said.

The public relations vacuum in which El-Ada seems to exist may

be ending, though.

Along with the added help of the 4-H clubs for the food drive, El-Ada will have a booth set up during the fair for the first time. Volunteers will be on hand to dispense information about the organization.

“The only (phone) number for any type of assistance is El-Ada,” Nielsen said. “We’re one of the largest counties in the nation, but one of the poorest and there are just people in need.”

— JB

Donate to your favorite 4-H club

Here’s a list of Owyhee County 4-H clubs eligible to participate in the Owyhee County Fair food drive this year.

People are encouraged to donate food in the name of their favorite club. The club with the most pounds of food per club member will win a prize at the end of the fair on Aug. 12:

- Bruneau Canyon
- Bruneau Sage Riders
- Buckaroos
- Computer Tech Team
- Dust Devils
- Ghost Riders
- Owyhee Dairy Goats
- Owyhee County 4-H
- Dog Club
- Owyhee Gems
- Owyhee County
- Stitchers
- Owyhee Silver Spurs
- Poison Creek Posse
- Reynolds Creek
- Rusty Spurs
- Shoofly Livestock
- Sharp Shooters
- Snake River Livestock
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116th company tests fitness in Homedale



Two Homedale residents back from Iraq among about 20 who gauge their physical shape

A group of about 20 members of the 116th Brigade Troops Battalion descended on Deward Bell Stadium on Friday for a round of physical fitness training.

Two Homedale residents, Staff Sgt. Jerry Sitko and Spc. Caleb Morgan, were among the A Company personnel based in Wilder who took advantage of a sunny morning to gauge the kind of the shape they're in through push-ups, sit-ups and a 2-mile run.

Many of the service men and women at the training, including Sitko and Morgan, were deployed in Kirkuk, Iraq. Morgan returned in November.

"This is a diagnostic test," company commander Capt. Kim Tschepen said. "Since they're back from Iraq, this is to gauge where their physical fitness is before the test next month for the record."

Tschepen said the annual physical fitness test will be held July 16 back at the Homedale High School athletic track. Soldiers earn promotion points through their performance on the annual test, according to 1st Sgt. Tony Foruria of Emmett. Foruria and Staff Sgt. Brannon Williams of Nampa documented how the

troops performed during Friday's drills.

Foruria said Homedale was selected because it gives the soldiers a chance to get out in the community and show that they are more than just men and women who lug around big guns.

Although the troops worked out in relative anonymity Friday, their comrades were there to holler encouragement and even spin some trash talk.

Morgan pulled off 54 sit-ups in the second drill of the morning. Sitko racked up 51. Morgan had the fastest time in the 2-mile run, which was the final event of the day. He was clocked at 13 minutes, 5 seconds.

Foruria said Friday's drills were part of the troops' two-week summer commitment to the Idaho National Guard.

Tschepen said Friday's tune-up was important because it gives the soldiers an idea of the areas they'll need to work on before next month's real deal.

"Because of their other duties, they don't have a lot of time to train together," she said. "A lot of it is on the individual's shoulders to stay fit."

— JB

116th shows off fitness at Trojans track

Above: Staff Sgt. Jerome Sitko, a resident of Homedale, powers into one of the 51 sit-ups he accomplished during Friday's physical fitness training exercise for A Company of the Idaho National Guard's 116th Brigade Troops Battalion at Homedale High School. Staff Sgt. Brannon Williams of Nampa, right, counts Sitko's repetitions while Pfc. Sam Beutler holds Morgan's legs. Beutler was tops in the sit-up exercise with 70. *Left:* Homedale resident Spc. Caleb Morgan puts everything he has into a sit-up as Lt. Joshua Sharrette holds his ankles. Morgan accomplished 54 sit-ups during the 2-minute drill.



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Homedale first, second in own summer classic

Incoming senior Trevor Krzesnik fires a pass as he travels downcourt during the Homedale varsity team's opening-day game against Vale, Ore., on Friday at the Homedale Summer Classic. The Trojans varsity, under new coach Kenny Thomas, lost to New Plymouth in the A Tournament championship Saturday. Homedale's junior varsity squad, coached at times by Thomas, Dave Thompson, Greg Sweet and Gregg Garrett, beat the varsity team from Liberty Charter of Nampa to win the B Tournament title. Adrian and Marsing both lost in the early rounds of their respective tournaments at Homedale High School on Saturday. "It looked like summer ball a lot of the time, but it was pretty competitive at times," Thomas said of his squad's performance. "Overall, it was pretty good to get some of those players in that haven't had a lot of experience this summer."

Owyhee cowboys grab Weiser wins

Homedale's Martinat, Marsing's Cook head to state prep rodeo in style

Bryan Martinat and Kirby Cook tuned up for the Idaho High School Finals rodeo with championships at the Idaho Cowboys Association event in Weiser on June 9-11. The high school state rodeo began Monday. Martinat and Cook were two of three athletes with ties to Owyhee County to pull down first-place showings in Weiser. Homedale High School product Martinat pulled within 10 points of third place in the ICA saddle bronc standings by winning the Weiser event with a 76-point ride. He picked up \$266 for his efforts. In the latest ICA standings released last Wednesday, Martinat trailed third-place Bob Smith, who has racked up 549.10 points thus far this season. Cook, who also ropes for Marsing High's club, bolted into the ICA season lead in tie down roping after splitting the first- and second-place purse with Greg Dell from Hermiston, Ore. Cook and Dell both brought their calves down in 10.6 seconds. The pair earned \$528.67 apiece. Cook rocketed seven positions in the season standings, to hold a lead of less than 10 points over Caldwell's Ryan Endicott. Adrian cowboy Mike Pendergrass joined Mike Eiguren from Jordan Valley to finish second in the team roping category. The duo corralled their animal in 5.6 seconds and took home \$702.05. Pendergrass is the fifth-rated header in the ICA, while Eiguren is ranked fifth in heeling. Eiguren and Pendergrass were sixth in team roping last weekend at Whitebird. Another Eiguren, Jordan Valley's Richard, is No. 6 in the ICA heeler standings, and teammate Shaun Lequerica of Arock, Ore., is sixth as a header. Marsing's Scott Roeser, who competed for Treasure Valley Community College as a freshman in the spring, tied for second at

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Senior nabs Trojans' only spot on All-SRV baseball first team

The only senior on the 2006 Homedale High School baseball team had a short stay with the program, but made a big impression. Ross DeWitt, who transferred to Homedale before the start of the school year, earned first-team All-Snake River Valley conference honors in voting by the coaches. DeWitt was the only member of coach Tim Fulwood's squad to earn first-team recognition. Coaches weren't allowed to vote for their own players. Junior catcher Josh Jolley and junior center fielder David Liddell represented Homedale on the all-conference second team. Trojans sophomore second baseman Brandt Graber and junior shortstop/pitcher Claudio Garcia landed on the honorable mention squad. DeWitt led a banged-up Homedale pitching staff with eight starts

Homedale's All-SRV picks

First team

Ross DeWitt, senior

Second team

Josh Jolley, junior

David Liddell, junior

Honorable mention

Brandt Graber, sophomore

Claudio Garcia, junior

and 15 appearances. He was 2-6 with a 4.35 earned-run average. He struck out 69 batters in 46 1/3 innings. From the plate, DeWitt hit at a .426 clip (29-for-68) and led the Trojans with 26 RBIs and five doubles. He also pulled off 17 stolen bases and three triples. Jolley was the Trojans' leading hitter, batting .464 (32-for-69) with



Senior leads Trojans' all-conference picks

Ross DeWitt, the only senior on the 2006 Homedale High School baseball team, was the only Trojans player nominated to the 3A Snake River Valley's all-conference team recently in voting by coaches.

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Sports

Homedale squad rallies, captures U-10 Tri-County softball crown

Homedale's Under-10 softball team stormed through the losers bracket earlier this month to capture the Tri-County league tournament championship in Caldwell.

The team, coached by Steve Nash, Ryan Nash and Heidi Nash, beat a Meridian team twice on June 11 in the title round.

There were 19 teams in the tournament, which started on June 9. Homedale played four of its games on June 10 and finished the tournament with three games on June 11.

In all, Homedale won seven of eight games played in the three-day tournament. But the suspense built with each new challenge.

Homedale dodged a substantial threat to bring home the crown with a 3-1 win over Meridian. Meridian had the tying run on second base when the final out of the tournament was recorded.

Steve Nash said the whole team pulled together to cap a season that included a 7-1 regular-season record.

"Every one of (the players) contributed to the win in one way or another," Nash said. "Everyone did something to help us get that win."

The road to the tournament



Homedale squad perseveres for softball title

The Homedale U-10 softball team pulled off huge wins June 9-11 to win its league tournament championship in Caldwell. The team, which went 14-2 during the season, included (from left to right): Back row: Coach Steve Nash, Lydia Aman, Kaylee Rupp, Destiny Long, Jenny Barroso, Whitney Uria, coach Heidi Nash and coach Ryan Nash. Front row: Hailee Aberasturi, Elise Shenk, Morgan Nash and Victoria Nash. McKenna Calzacorta is not pictured. Submitted photo

championship included beating top-seeded Nampa, which had handed Homedale its only loss

during the regular season.

The Tri-County youth softball postseason continues Friday

through Sunday with another tournament at Central Canyon Elementary School in Caldwell.

Big turnout for Trojans youth soccer camp

With the nation's lukewarm reception of the World Cup, it's fairly obvious that it takes a long time to generate interest in soccer among Americans.

Except for Homedale, that is.

The second Homedale High School youth soccer camp attracted dozens of children each day for its three-day run last week at Homedale Elementary School. Fifty aspiring athletes attended the June 12 opener, and the June 13 session was rained out.

The children in the camp were between 5 and 10 years old, which will lay the foundation for future Trojans teams.

But boys coach David Correa said Thursday that the camp goes a long way toward building the present high school team, too.

"It's nice for both the little ones and the high school kids," Correa said.

The coach, who will start his fourth year in the fall, and girls coach Lesa Folwell put their players to work as camp instructors, while the two coaches supervise and jump in whenever more advanced guidance may be necessary.

"I think it helps them become more aware of who they are as team members because they are here working together and

responsible for the kids," Correa said, adding that the maturity players gain through the camp does show up on the soccer pitch in the fall.

Wednesday's session, which Correa figured attracted 40 campers, included passing and dribbling drills with the children divided into groups roughly along age lines.

Away from the camp, Correa and Folwell are gearing up for the possibility of expanding the soccer program before their first practices at Sundance Park on Aug. 11.

The athletic budget adopted last week by the Homedale School Board included provisions for junior varsity teams if enough players come out for the program. Trojans athletic director Dave Hart confirmed Thursday morning that the search has begun for head coaches for the JV teams.

Hart said anyone interested in any coaching position open at the high school can call the Homedale School District office and a message will be sent to him. The district office number is (208) 337-4611.

Correa and Folwell said they are expecting about 30 players out for each of their programs. A total of 60 players should be enough to field four teams, and Hart said



Children get kicks at Trojans soccer camp

Homedale High School soccer camp instructor Audrey Folwell, left, shows Julia Correa the correct place to make contact with the ball during a passing drill Wednesday at Homedale Elementary School. For three days last week, players from the Trojans' boys and girls soccer programs drilled about 40 children ages 5-10 in soccer skills.

he has put the 3A Snake River Valley conference on alert that the Trojans could be coming with a full program next season.

Correa said Wednesday that the possible cooperative with Wilder High School won't happen.

— JB

✓ All-SRV

team-high totals of three home runs and four triples. He collected 24 RBIs and scored 27 runs. Jolley also stole 16 bases.

Liddell batted lead-off for Homedale, carrying a .390 batting average and swiping a team-high 19 bases. He also led the team with 30 runs scored.

Graber played for the Trojans because his school, Greenleaf Friends Academy, doesn't have a baseball team.

He lives in the Homedale district, so he landed on Fulwood's roster. Graber had the team's second-highest second batting average at .439 (36-for-82). He scored 22 runs and knocked in 16 more.

Garcia was tabbed early on by Fulwood as the Trojans' pitching ace, but arm trouble limited the junior's availability.

Even so, he was unbeaten at 4-0 with a 3.92 ERA in 30 1/3 innings. Garcia struck out 38 and allowed just 17 hits.

At the plate, Garcia hit two of his team's six home runs and scored 20 runs. He also had 15 RBIs.



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Sports

Homedale resident collects 10th in CNFR saddle bronc

Homedale’s Wade Black was the most successful of the Owyhee County competitors in the 58th College National Finals Rodeo last week in Casper, Wyo.

Black, a senior at Montana State University, finished 10th overall in saddle bronc with a 222.5-point total score. His highest individual score was a sixth-place 76.0 in the second go-round.

Jordan Valley’s Ryan

Mackenzie, a sophomore at College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, finished in the top 20 for both his events.

He was 16th in the saddle bronc (206.5 total score) after a third-place showing of 75.0 in the third go-round. He finished 13th in tie down roping with a total score of 40.5.

Marissa Black of Bruneau finished 11th in the final go-round

for goat tying to grab 12th in the event for the week with a 33.8 total score.

Shane Smith, a freshman from Jordan Valley attending the University of Idaho, paired with Scotti Fuller to finished 16th in the team roping. Smith and Fuller earned a 16.3-second total time and began the rodeo with a 7.9-second sixth-place performance in the first go-round.



Veteran of Homedale rodeo grounds second in Weiser
Jarrod Roberson, shown competing for Mountain Home High School at a spring rodeo in Homedale, finished second in the bull riding competition at the recent Weiser rodeo. Photo by Bill Bruce

✓ Rodeo

Weiser in steer wrestling and broke into the top five in the ICA season standings. He and TVCC teammate Brady Black each earned \$245.10 after turning in a 5.6-second run.

In breakaway roping, Caldwell’s Jodi Endicott—a cousin of Eastern Oregon University cowboy and Marsing product Andrew Endicott—won the Weiser title in an astonishing 2.88 seconds. Jodi, who is married to ICA tie down roper Ryan Endicott, took home \$647.43.

The ICA is a sanctioning body for two rodeos this weekend in Washington state. The Newport rodeo runs Friday through Sunday, and the Darrington event is Saturday and Sunday.

The next ICA rodeo close to home is July 1-4 in Vale, Ore., according to the ICA Web site.

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2006 ICA rodeo standings

Through June 9-11 Weiser rodeo

- Bareback** — 1. Toby Miller, 694.65; 2. Caleb Bayes, 408.50; 3. Jacey Miller, 237.50; 4. Eric Mader, 156.00
- Saddle bronc** — 1. Mark Gage, 1330.00; 2. Ivan Tibbs, 665.95; 3. Bob Smith, 549.10; 4. Bryan Martinat, Homedale, 539.60; 5. Frank Tobias, 346.75; 6. Wayne Hebbon, 332.50; 7. Jake Bigelow, 256.50; 8. William Scheibe, 208.05; 9. Sam Mackenzie, Jordan Valley, 137.75; 10. Bryce Jenkins, 114.00
- Bull riding** — 1. Miller Montz, 832.51; 2. (tie) Jake Rupe, 551.48; Mike Sparks, 551.48; 4. Cody Bequeath, 493.05; 5. Jared Roberson, 456.00; 6. Clayton Graham, 359.10; 7. Paul Coppini, 337.82; 8. Brad Abbe, 313.50; 9. Payton Bakes, 268.21; 10. Stephen Hopkins, 88.66
- Tie down roping** — 1. Kirby Cook, Marsing, 1085.47; 2. Ryan Endicott, Caldwell, 1076.11; 3. Brian Hill, 979.40; 4. Will Casey, 817.19; 5. Sam Mackenzie, Jordan Valley, 812.87; 6. Ty Thomas, Star, 795.39; 7. Dan Webb, 606.10; 8. Tony Green, 604.01; 9. Greg Dell, Hermiston, Ore., 528.67; 10. Blaise Black, 501.60
- Others** — 19. Andrew Endicott, Marsing, 96.00
- Steer wrestling** — 1. Brandon Christensen, Hermiston, Ore., 1806.17; 2. Dusty Kimble, 1112.08; 3. Sam Mackenzie, Jordan Valley, 1103.90; 4. Chase Williamson, 1083.00; 5. Scott Roeser, Marsing, 314.93; 6. Dave Maddox, 309.23; 7. Austin Manning, 229.43; 8. Luke Jeffries, 199.50; 9. Andy Weldon, 159.60
- Breakaway roping** — 1. Dustie

- Crenshaw, 1074.42; 2. Regan Lawson, 745.28; 3. Lorri Percifield, 740.53; 4. Kari Dell, Hermiston, Ore., 721.75; 5. Jennifer Casey, 687.81; 6. Peggy Godby, Boise, 679.73; 7. Dakota Eldridge (R), 674.98; 8. Jodi Endicott, Caldwell, 647.43; 9. Kali Jo Parker, 558.60; 10. Kim Grubbs, 495.36
- Barrel racing** — 1. Katie Davis, 743.85; 2. Abby Davis, Adrian, Ore., 718.96; 3. Nancy Scrivner, 691.60; 4. Gretchen Bilton Smith, 688.75; 5. Jamie Beutler, 615.60; 6. Matea Gabiola, Payette, 570.00; 7. Chelsea Kack, 487.35; 8. Katie Van Beek, 457.42; 9. Staci Van Ostran, 451.25; 10. Linda Roberts, 373.92
- Team roping, heading** — 1. Sam Mackenzie, Jordan Valley, 978.03; 2. Ty Thomas, Star, 916.56; 3. Brett Sheehan, 807.36; 4. Brian Hill, 775.20; 5. Mike Pendergrass, Adrian, Ore., 702.05; 6. Shaun Lequerica, Arock, Ore., 680.20; 7. Cody Yerrington, 654.24; 8. John Hagler, 596.74; 9. Mark Eldridge, 578.17; 10. Josh Bruce, Jordan Valley, 556.47
- Team roping, heeling** — 1. Ryan Mackenzie, Jordan Valley, 978.03; 2. Tommy Flenniken, 916.56; 3. Dan Webb, 807.36; 4. Jason Fisher, 775.20; 5. Mike Eiguren, Jordan Valley, 702.05; 6. Richard Eiguren, Jordan Valley, 680.20; 7. B.J. Roberts, 654.24; 8. Sam Riley, 596.74; 9. Dakota Eldridge (R), 578.17; 10. Ty Thomas, Star, 556.47
- Novice bareback** — 1. Justin Parker, 90.00
- Novice bull riding** — 1. Josh Bruno, 155.00; 2. Charles Brown, 93.00; 3. Adam Waite, 62.00



Marsing horseman among nation’s best
Justin Bailey, who works at a horse training facility in Marsing, has ridden three nationally ranked horses during the National Reined Cow Horse Association season. Submitted photo

Owyhee cowboys keep up in NRCHA ratings

Three Owyhee County riders are in the top 10 of the national standings for reined cow horse events.

In the most recent standings posted on the National Reined Cow Horse Association Web site, Marsing’s Dan Roeser also has the top-ranked ride in the Northwest Region Open Two Rein division.

Dox Lena Nic is ranked No. 1 in the region and 11th nationally in the division. The horse is one of five ridden by Roeser that are ranked in the top 10 regionally in several categories.

Callboys Badger Chex is tied for 10th in the National Reined Cow Horse Association Open Hackamore division standings. Roeser has piloted the horse to third place in the regional ranks, one point out of first.

Results are still pending from the two-day IRCHA Cow Horse Classic held May 27-28 at the Idaho Horse Park in Nampa.

Roeser won the Open Bridle championship on Easy Move Whiskey at the May 7 Gem State Stock Horse Association Spring Classic in Ontario, Ore. Easy Move Whiskey is ranked eighth in the region in Open Bridle, while Marsing’s Justin Bailey has ridden the same horse to an eighth-place spot in the regional standings in the Limited Open Bridle division.

Oreana youth rider Bryce Collett captured the Youth Limited title with Holipine at the May 7 event in Ontario. Holipine and Collett are tied for 10th in the nation in their division,

and the tandem is second in the region, just seven points out of the series lead.

Four horses ridden by Roeser are ranked in the top 25 nationally.

Gotta Have Cash is tied for 13th in the Open Bridle division and is in a deadlock for fourth in the region. Roeser guided Gotta Have Cash to a division championship at the April 29 Northwest Reined Cow Horse Association’s Way Out West show in Spanaway, Wash. He also grabbed third-place showings (Open Hackamore and Open Two Rein) with Callboys Badger Chex and Dox Lena Nic, respectively.

Bailey and Smoking Peppy Lady won the Limited Open Bridle title in Spanaway on April 29. Bailey and that mount are ranked sixth nationally and second in the region. He also has Docs Legacy Chex placed seventh in the Northwest Region standings in Limited Open Bridle.

On April 30 at the NWRCHA Costal Equine Spring Show in Spanaway, Roeser won the Open Hackamore title aboard Callboys Badger Chex. He rode Gotta Have Cash to third in Open Bridle and Dox Lena Nic to a runner-up finish in the Open Two Rein class.

Dan Roeser’s brother, Jon — a native of Owyhee County now living and training horses in Lemoore, Calif. — finished fifth in the Open Bridle class aboard Boons Royal Legacy at the April 30 Hackamore Classic in Paso Robles, Calif.

Sports

Jordan Valley athletes rack up prep honors

Cuvelier averages double-double in all-star series; Trautman moving on to play volleyball at TVCC

Jordan Valley High School graduate Lauren Cuvelier averaged 11 points and 11.5 rebounds last week during a two-game all-star basketball series played in Salem, Ore., on Friday and Newberg, Ore., on Saturday.

The 5-foot-11 Cuvelier, who was an honorable mention selection for the all-state basketball team, was the only area player selected to take part in the Senior All-Star East-West Series sponsored by the Oregon High School Girls Basketball Coaches Association.

The first 1A all-star game was played Friday at Corban College in Salem, and a second game was played Saturday at George Fox University in Newberg.

Cuvelier scored six points and snagged six rebounds in 21 minutes of action in the 1A East team's 59-54 come-from-behind victory in Friday's game against the 1A West all-stars. She was 6-for-8 from the free-throw line. The East trailed 25-18 at halftime of a game that was played on a 20-minute-per-half college format.

She grabbed a game-high 17 rebounds and scored a team-high 16 points in the East's 66-57 loss to the West all-stars Saturday afternoon. Cuvelier was 6-for-6 from the foul line and sank five of her team-high 15 shots on the George Fox court. She played all 40 minutes.

"It was a lot of fun to play high-pace intense games," Cuvelier said. "It was nice to get know the girls I've had to play against for the past four yeas then get to play with them as my teammates."

In an ironic twist, Allen Bingham coached Cuvelier during the all-star series. Bingham guided Jordan Valley's Old Oregon League rival Powder Valley of North Powder to the state title last season.

Cuvelier's mother, Melinda, said her daughter plans to attend Boise State University, but hasn't made a decision on whether she'll pursue athletics there.

JV's Trautman commits to TVCC for volleyball
It may have taken Cassia



Oregon All-Star in action

Former Jordan Valley High School basketball player Lauren Cuvelier (42) played in the Senior All-Star East-West Series during the weekend. Cuvelier played games in Salem, Ore., and Newberg, Ore. Photo by JVHS journalism staff

Trautman a while to get used to her gift of height, but once the 6-foot-2 outside hitter/outside blocker shed any awkwardness she was nearly unstoppable for Jordan Valley's volleyball team.

Trautman, whose prep volleyball career ended in the 1A Oregon state championship match, will continue with the sport at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. She was a teammate of Cuvelier on both the volleyball and basketball court.

Mustangs coach Jacque Naegle confirmed Thursday that Trautman has committed to play for Chukars coach Leslie Hughes.

"TVCC is just starting to build a program, and the coach is looking for someone like Cassia, who is just coming into her own," Naegle said.

Naegle said Trautman used her incredible height to power home kills during a senior

season in which Jordan Valley won its first 20 matches. The Mustangs' only loss came in the state championship final against defending champion Dufur.

Trautman averaged 4 kills and 2 blocks per game in her senior season. Playing exclusively on the front row, she racked up 85 kills and 44 blocks during the year.

"Cassia came to Jordan Valley a little bit late," Naegle said. "But by the end of the last year, Cassia was coming on so strong. 'I wish I had her for another year.'"

Naegle looks ahead to the future with the Mustangs' annual summer camp July 7-8 in Jordan Valley. The coach said the camp is being conducted by the coaching staff from Nampa's Northwest Nazarene University. She also said that a few prospective Jordan Valley players are planning to attend the NNU camp in Nampa at the end of July.

Mustangs crack top 15 for annual OSAA all-around award; Adrian, JV officially will be rivals again

Jordan Valley High School finished 11th among 1A schools in Oregon this year in The Oregonian Cup competition.

Adrian was tied for 37th with Harper, while Triad School won the Oregon School Activities Association award that recognizes overall excellence in academics, activities and athletics.

According to the OSAA Web site, schools earn points based on their participation and finish in OSAA state championships and for top-10 finishes in the OSAA Academic All-State Program. Sportsmanship is based on points given for each season in which the school has no ejections from sporting events.

Jordan Valley, which finished second in the 1A state tournament for volleyball and brought home two individual championships from the 1A track and field state meet, scored 1,213 points during the season. The Mustangs were ranked as high as fifth after the fall season.

Adrian's football team reached the state playoffs for the first time in 15 years, and the softball team also played in the state tournament. The Antelopes scored 755 points.

The award has been given out every spring since the 1999-2000 school year.

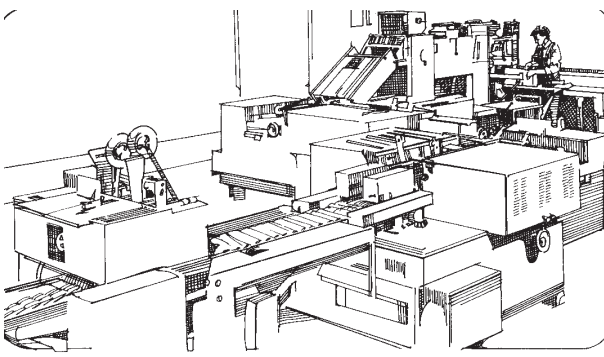
OSAA realignment cleared

The OSAA's controversial bid to realign its schools into six classifications for the 2006-07 school year cleared its final hurdle June 9 when Oregon schools superintendent Susan Castillo ruled the reorganization didn't violate state or federal law.

After exhaustive study and survey of the state's schools, the OSAA originally approved realignment on Oct. 24. Officials in Jordan Valley and Adrian welcomed the move because it lessened the burden of travel slightly and rekindled an old rivalry between the Mustangs and the Antelopes. However, three school districts in western Oregon appealed the reclassification because of the impact it would have on their travel budgets, league rivalries and student-athletes' classroom hours.

Castillo originally ruled in favor of the Salem-Keizer, Medford and Eugene districts. But the OSAA appealed, and the superintendent upheld the original plan with her ruling earlier this month.

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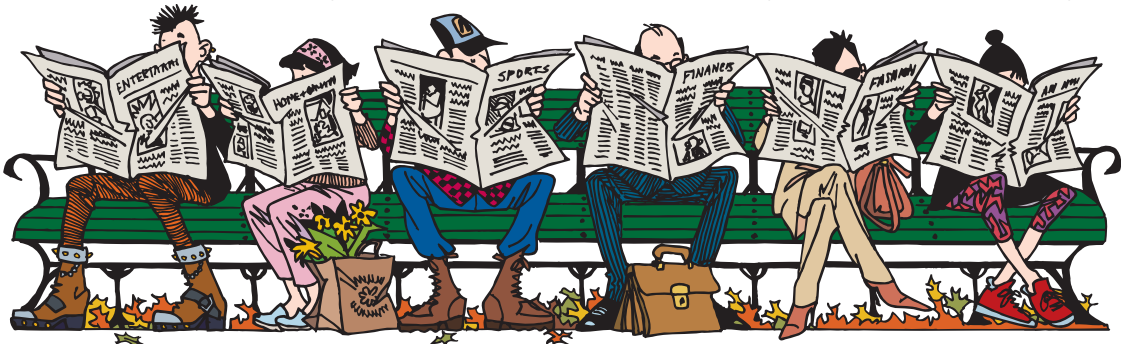
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June 21, 1956

Nyssa outlasts Hotshots for 7-5 victory Tuesday

Nyssa rode to a 7-5 victory Tuesday night as the locals committed 13 bobbles a field.

The game was tied at 5-5 at the end on nine innings, but Nyssa pounded over two more runs in the 11th to cop the victory.

Batteries: Lineberger and Dines; Cox, Markham and (8) and Holcomb.

Rain washed out two games Tuesday night and the Payette-Boise game ended in a 4-4 tie after 11 innings of tight baseball.

Homedale’s game with Nampa last Friday was also washed out

Donald Stutheit wins certificate of Merit

Donald Lee Stutheit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stutheit of Portland, Ore., won a certificate of merit and gold key in scholastic art.

The necklace he made, that won the award is on display in the national high school art exhibition of fine arts at the art galleries at Carnegie institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Donald is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stutheit.

Coach Bell begins summer program

The summer recreation program began Monday under the direction of Deward Bell.

The swimming schedule has been organized for the girls to swim on Monday and the boys on Thursdays, when they will be instructed at the Caldwell swimming pool. They are to leave from the high school at 8:30 by bus along with the director.

At present there are 40 students signed up. All boys and girls are urged to register as soon as possible.

12 teachers have resigned from Homedale staff

An alarming turnover in teachers of the Homedale school system is reported by Supt. of Schools Charles Zollinger, who says that 12 our of 30 teachers from last year’s staff have resigned to take other jobs or for personal reasons.

Resigning are John and Adrienne McConaughy, Russ and Esther Semba, Mrs. Letha Fugate, Mrs. Edwina Regan, Dan Maher, Jeanne DeLurme, Rudene Perkins, Mrs. Ruth Anders, Don Hanna, and Irene Rencher.

Four teachers have been hired to date to replace those resigning. They are Mabel Frazier, Marjorie Wesche, Dan Pero, and June Briggs.

Firemen place 3rd in Nyssa Contest

Homedale volunteer firemen attended a firemen’s convention Sunday at the Nyssa fire station, taking part in contest, dinner and demonstrations held at the Nyssa park.

The convention included firemen from all over southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon.

Homedale placed third in hose laying contest with Cole fire district of Boise winning a gold cup for first place.

Two very interesting speakers were head during the convention. Earl Albrecht of the Oregon State vocational training, spoke on “Fire Pumps.” Johnny Picket of the Oregon state fire marshal’s office, spoke on “Operation of a Fire Marshal’s Office.”

The next convention will be held either at Whitney, Franklin or Cole fire district at Boise.

Owyhee Wranglers practice riding at fairgrounds

The Owyhee Wranglers met Sunday at the fairgrounds on horseback with several visitors attending the meeting.

Airman Elmer Davis, who was home on furlough, took part in several drills practiced by the riders and led by president Bob Nanney and a member of the board, Frank Regan.

Pete Kershner was made an honorary member of the Owyhee Wranglers. Grant Eason was elected parade chairman for the year to match up the horses and help organize the group for the parades.

140 years ago

June 16, 1866

INDIAN THEFTS AND MURDER IN FLINT. It harrows our feelings to madness to be obliged from week to week to fill our columns with fresh Indian atrocities. Early on Tuesday morning Flint District was visited by these hell-hounds. The result of their raid was the stealing of twenty-five horses and some other stock and a dozen saddles and bridles and the murder of C. C. Gassett. Miller & Overmier, of the Owyhee Stable, lost six animals and the saddles and blankets. O. R. Johnson lost one and others whom we do not know, the remainder. The circumstances of the murder are briefly these: Mr. Gassett was alone in his tent about one-half mile or more below Oro. The savages crept through the willows and attacked him with a long handled steel shovel, but his head, shoulders, arms and body in a sickening manner and afterwards cut his head and neck almost in several parts with an ax. To finish up, he was shot through the body and left arm – the muzzle of the gun burning his shirt into cinder near the entrance of the ball. Every circumstance leads those who examined the corpse to this conclusion. Being attacked with a shovel, he would naturally throw up his arms to ward off the blows, and the flesh was cut downwards in strips four to six inches long on his arms, his head and shoulders also bearing evidence of this method. The shovel was bent nearly double from the blows. In the death struggle he got outside of the tent and was found still bleeding after daylight. Nothing but the most damnable and brutal beings could murder a man by literally cutting him into strings – as in this case. He was buried on Tuesday near the place of his death. At 7 o’clock a.m., of the same day, fifteen men started in pursuit of the devils, followed them twenty miles and believing they could not overtake them before reaching the main body returned. They estimate the number of Indians at twenty. They found where an ox had been freshly butchered and mostly eaten and removed.

A party at work in South Mountain – fifteen miles distant fencing a timber lot for Mr. Brown were fired into the same night. They escaped unhurt and have abandoned the work. The attacking party were undoubtedly the Flint raiders, as a straight trail from the Forks of the Owyhee would lead that way. There can be little doubt but a dire war is opened by the Indians.

This is a heavy blow against the prosperity of Flint. Families of women and children as well as citizens are in a state of feverish alarm. If speedy protection is not given, the district will be depopulated – either by removals or the ruthless savage.

CHICO. The Courant of may 26 has a few items of interest up this way. We call the following:

Five new coaches came up on the last steamer for the Chico and Idaho Stage Company. The Company have some seventy horses already in training and the road will soon be stocked and the line in operation. The coaches for the Idaho end of the route are in the same as those used by Ben Holladay on the Overland Route.

The last boat brought to Chico Landing 32,000 pounds of freight for DuRell & Moore, Ruby City, on of the largest business houses in Idaho and owners of the East Freight Line to Umatilla. Also 36,000 pounds more for Mr. Chick who is now buying teams to hand the same to Boise. Also, Mr. DeFreese will have a quartz mill and machinery on the next boat bound for Owyhee.

The Department we are informed through Lieut. Williamson, have abandoned Fort Crook in Shasta County, 80 miles from Red Bluff and sent the stores to Fort Bidwell. Also, that the post at Smoke Creek is to be reestablished. The Government will make the Chico Route the military road and route of communication.

A gentleman who came in one the Chico and Idaho road Thursday says he counted forty-seven teams this side of the summit. The Sage Brush reports fifty as passing through Susanville in one day this last week. Who says this is not a great thoroughfare? (The ninnies who run the Portland journals. Ed. Av.)

EDITOR AVALANCHE: June, the most welcome month has come with continued showers intermingled with sunshine causing vegetation to spring forth in the most lively manner, while the wild flowers decorate nature’s vast green painting, making the whole a scene of admiration to those who appreciate the beauties of this world. The crickets on their victorious march are devastating the cabbage patches to the damage of the tiller of the soil and whole community.

SEE NOTICE of horse-races in prospect. If any pale faced Owyhee has a horse up to the hour of going in, the animal will be a curiosity - say nothing of seeing him run. There’s nothing like a horse-race for excitement. Besides, we all need excitement, youth and gayety, gray hairs and gravity, all need excitement; the former must have it, the latter should by all means. Horse racing thus far in Owyhee has been a prominent characteristic of the inhabitants but Lo has invariably got the inside track.

THE LYING-DALE CHIEF AGAIN. The following has been handed us for reprint. It first appeared in the New York Herald:

MASSACRE OF FRIENDLY INDIANS

The Governor of Idaho had addressed a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, informing him of the massacre of some sixteen friendly Indians on the 11th of March, fifteen miles above Idaho City, near the mouth of Moore’s Creek, on the Boise River, by a party of citizens of Ida County. He concludes by saying: “There were but two grown males; the rest were woman and children. The immediate settlers, miners, reported against the murder and their statement I shall send you in a few days, showing that the Indians were defenseless and peaceable. If anything will serve to bring on a general Indian war, it is such acts as these. I have gathered the rest of the tribe and placed them under the protection of the military of this post. The excitement runs high and have all I can do the carry out my instructions against the depraved moral sentiment evinced toward the poor savages. Things look stormy just now; but when the road to the Indian country becomes passable I shall quiet the troubled waters. In no case that I have examined have I found the red man the aggressor; but invariably the trouble springs from some fiendish outrage of bad white men.”

If the Father of Liars ever sees this item, he’ll throw up the sponge in disgust, and call on Lyon to occupy his well earned position. It is humiliating to confess that we ever allowed a word to appear in the Avalanche favorable to this chief of liars, or that the U. S. Government gave him a commission to give tone to his slanderous and black-hearted assertions. Than the Lord, there is only one paper in Idaho gone so low that defending him cannot lower its standing. Of all official beasts in human shape, our late governor stands at the head as an atrocious liar - as witness the above. In malignity of disposition, he is only equaled by the murderous savage, and as likes assimilate, this may and only can be said in Lyon’s behalf. The quoted part of his letter is one solid, well defined mass of lies.

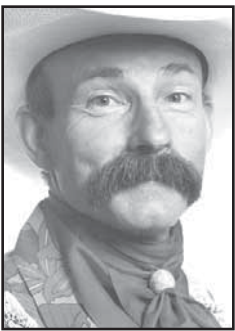
COAL WORKS. Capt. M. H. R. Styles informs us that he visited the coal vein on Reynolds Creek on Thursday; that a tunnel on hundred and five feet is run and the work progressing that the vein is nearly three feet thick and improving in quality and quantity; that he believes it will prove what all hope for a most important mine. The coal is genuine, the country needs the article and the owners each deserve a fortune.

GOING NORTH. Company T. Captain Perry First United States Cavalry left camp Union at noon yesterday for Fort Boise, Idaho. The train, which consisted of some sixty or seventy men and eight six mule wagons marched through the city and crossed the Yolo bridge. The Co. will proceed northward on the west bank of the river and will be employed, it is presented in guarding the Chico and Idaho road from the depredation of Indians.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Why the horse?

Why the horse? It’s like asking why the sun? Why the heart? Why the color purple? If there were a monarchy, the horse would be king.

Equidae hold an exalted position in the society of mankind. On their backs humans become a better species. No matter how you stack up other domesticated animals, none has quite the stature of the horse. Perhaps it is because of the inherent wildness that is always lurking behind their eyes. It is a quality that is shared with cats. Regardless of how tame or trustworthy, the potential for a feral reaction that can maim or destroy lies within their power.

Horses have always possessed the potential for heroism. Thunderous poetry like *The Man From Snowy River* to *East is East and West is West* elevates the horse to mythical proportions. I grant there are many examples of dogs saving the day, but dogs have become too domesticated, too subservient.

Indians had dogs for millennia and never invented the wheel. Coronado gave them the horse and they became warriors. Ask any handicapped kid what it feels like to be a horseback. Until the catapult, it was as close as man could come to flying. Muscles contract and explode beneath you, sweeping you forward like an eagle over the surface of the Earth.

Without the horse the cowboy becomes a herder, Napoleon is infantry, and taxation without representation becomes the sport of kings. The horse is both masculine and feminine. What other animal can be said to prance? Strength and beauty, Beauty and the Beast, hard as horses’ hooves — soft as a filly’s nose! “That mare can buck,” “That stud’s a beauty.” Like women wearing chaps.

Artists strive to portray their power, grace and dexterity. They try to capture their spirit. Dead run/stop action photo: 1,200 pounds balanced on one toe, fetlock extended, nostrils flaring, neck reaching, ears back, mane flying, tail flowing, eyes locked on target and a human attached to the withers like a space shuttle on a rocket! It’s no wonder they take our breath away.

The horse, more than all other domesticated beasts, demands respect. They possess an intelligence that derives from being both predator and prey, hard and soft, brave and skittish, loyal and wary. They may deign to show some affection, but they don’t pant and lick. Horses are, after all, royalty.

For that reason, I would propose that we eliminate the term “Giddy up.” Can you imagine walking up behind Queen Elizabeth or Ghenghis Khan and saying, “Giddy up?”

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



The Innocents Abroad, Part I (with apologies to Mark Twain)

Cindy came up with the idea of an Alaskan cruise more than a year ago. The serious planning began last fall, and by December we had things pretty well locked in. Departure was set for May 20. It seemed like a long time in the future. Suddenly, we found ourselves in the air terminal, on a Saturday morning, preparing to board a plane for Seattle.

Our cruising foursome included my partner in life, me, and Allen and Cindy. We first met Cindy and Al more than 25 years ago when he was a baby-faced small-town police chief and I was a newspaper reporter. Over the years, we have shared a lot of pinochle games with them (the women always seem to win). It seemed natural we should go cruising together.

The first obstacle was clearing airport security. My three companions were concerned because about three years ago I got in a heated discussion with a security official at the Portland airport after I got pulled out of line for a random check. I think I was about one word away for either going to jail or walking home. They figured my name might be on some airline undesirable list and sirens would go off if my name was punched into an airport computer.

As we approached the security checkpoint, my mate, walking behind me, gave me some advice:

“Not one word!” she said in a low voice. “Not one word!” From the tone of her voice, I got the feeling that if I did something that kept us from making the plane, airport security would be the least of my worries.

I stopped in front of the female security guard and handed her my plane ticket and driver’s license. She looked them over, then looked at me and my big backpack containing about 30 pounds of camera equipment.

The guard handed back my papers. “Thank you, Mr. Cornell,” she said, smiling. “Have a nice day.”

I stepped forward to the scanning station and put my

pack on the conveyor belt. As I was pulling off my shoes (another requirement), I heard the guard behind me speak to my mate.

“Please step over to Station Five,” the guard said.

Now, I wasn’t sure what “Station Five” was, but I knew the guard hadn’t told me to go there, so I figured it wasn’t the fastest way through security. I thought about turning around to see what was happening but remembered the “Not one Word!” caution that had been given to me earlier. So, I ducked my head and walked through the metal detector, which gave me a clean bill of health, picked up my scanned pack and walked over to a place where I could sit down to put my shoes on.

Moments later, Al and Cindy arrived and informed me that my partner was still standing over at “Station Five” undergoing a more intensive screening. Al suggested that if I looked that direction, it probably would not be in my best interests to laugh, or even smile.

A few minutes later, my partner caught up with us, looking somewhat irritated.

“You didn’t even look to see what was happening!” she exclaimed. “You just kept walking!”

I reminded her of her “Not one word” instructions.

It turned out some of the blame was deflected for me. When the guard sent the love of my life off to “Station Five,” she asked Cindy, who was next in line, if she would like to go along and keep the checkee company. Cindy gave the guard her best, “I’ve never seen that woman before in my life” stare and said “No.”

So, we made the flight with no problem. But it may be significant that as soon as the plane was airborne, my mate, who hardly ever drinks alcoholic beverages, ordered a glass of wine — at 9:45 a.m.

She laughs about the whole thing now. Well, maybe a “faint, tight-lipped smile” would be a better description.

— Next week: *The Ship*

Property rights

Eminent domain reform slow to come

by Timothy Sandefur
for the Cato Institute

It has been almost a year since the Supreme Court decided in *Kelo v. New London* that bureaucrats may seize homes and businesses through eminent domain and transfer the land to private developers in the name of economic progress. Although the Constitution says government may only condemn land for “public use,” the Court held in its June 23, 2005, ruling that this term means the same thing as “public purpose” or “public benefit.” Thus, whenever a city council thinks it would “benefit the public” to snatch a house or small business and give it to Costco or Home Depot or any other company, they may do so, and courts will not intervene.

Americans reacted with outrage to the decision and urged state officials to pass laws protecting them from eminent domain. But so far this backlash has achieved mixed results. Of the 16 states that have acted since *Kelo* was decided, only six — South Dakota, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Florida — have imposed meaningful restraints on government power. Other states have either done nothing, or have enacted laws so riddled with loopholes that they allow government officials to seize whatever property they consider “blighted.”

Take Alabama, for example. When Gov. Bob Riley signed SB 68A into law, he proclaimed his state the

leader of a “property rights revolt.” Yet while the law prohibits government from taking property merely for economic development, that restriction does not apply to property that is declared blighted, and “blight” is defined as “buildings ... which, by reason of dilapidation, obsolescence, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light and sanitary facilities, excessive land coverage, deleterious land use or obsolete layout, or any combination of these or other factors, are detrimental to the safety, health, morals or welfare of the community.” Under such vague standards, virtually any neighborhood can be declared a blight, and any home or business located there can be seized and given to developers.

Compare this with Florida’s new law, signed recently by Gov. Jeb Bush. It declares outright that “the prevention or elimination of a slum area or blighted area ... and the preservation or enhancement of the tax base are not public uses.” If government wants to clean up bad neighborhoods, it has to do so in other ways — by lowering taxes, for instance, or by making it easier to start new businesses, or by buying the land it wants fair and square.

Redevelopment officials insist that they need to be free to seize property to fix bad neighborhoods, but this just isn’t true. Major developments routinely succeed without eminent domain: Disneyland was built without

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Commentary

Idaho ag
Dairies continue to
respect neighbors

by Frank Priestley

Idaho dairy farmers recently agreed to a proactive set of new regulations to help curb ammonia emissions on large farms. In developing and adopting these new rules, Idaho dairy farmers have shown yet another proactive example of collaboration that will reduce dairy farm effects on neighbors and show environmental stewardship.

Several years ago, Idaho dairy farmers voluntarily adopted nutrient management planning guidelines to regulate manure application on farm ground. Idaho was the first state to put nutrient management plans to work to make sure manure was managed properly without detrimental environmental impacts.

The voluntary effort on nutrient management and now these new regulations on ammonia prove that Idaho dairy operators are willing to ask the hard questions about environmental impacts and seek solutions that keep the industry viable.

The new ammonia regulations were developed in conjunction with the University of Idaho, Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA), Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ), environmental groups, dairymen and other concerned parties. The new rules require operators of large dairy farms to register with the two state agencies involved and employ best management practices (BMPs) to control ammonia. The BMPs are ranked and receive point totals. For instance, covering a manure lagoon with a synthetic tarp on an open lot dairy is worth 15 points. BMP points also are awarded for composting, installing vegetative buffer zones and many other practices that vary depending on the method each dairy uses to confine cows. To be in compliance, dairies have to accumulate 27 points.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) adopted along with the new rules defines the roles of ISDA and IDEQ in regulating dairies. The pecking order between the two state agencies has come under scrutiny in the past. The MOU states the two agencies now have a working arrangement to reduce duplicative inspection efforts and provide a sound inspection program to reduce ammonia emissions through best management practices.

ISDA will take the lead role in inspecting dairies and regulating compliance. However, IDEQ will retain the right to inspect if it determines a dairy's emissions are a threat to public health or the environment. DEQ also will evaluate ISDA's inspection records annually, providing a check and balance that is in the best interest of all parties.

Adding new regulations is a practice we rarely endorse. But with the rapid growth of Idaho's dairy industry, in this case it appears that new ammonia regulations for large dairies are a proactive step.

— Frank Priestley is president of Idaho Farm Bureau.



Frank Priestley

From Washington
Wildfire season demands vigilance

by Sen. Mike Crapo

"In order to save anything at all we had to begin firing the buildings on the outskirts of the town, and then the terrible work of forcing the backfire towards the big blaze began. I will never forget the sight. An impassable wall of fire was eating its way down the hillside. Our backfire, which had assumed huge proportions, was creeping up towards it. In exactly four and one-half minutes after we started our fire, the two met. Never have I seen anything like it plunging at each other like two living animals, the two met with a roar that must have been heard miles away.

The rest of the world didn't know what we were going through. It couldn't, and that was the terrible part of it. We might have been the only men in the world for all it mattered. Alone, we were left with nothing but our bare hands and the help of our Creator to bring us out alive."

— From Thaddeus Roe's description of the flames he faced in the fight to save Avery, Idaho. Roe was part of the rescue team sent to Storm Creek to bring out the bodies of 29 men who stood their ground, rather than flee the raging fire.

These words were written about one of the most devastating fires in U.S. history, the 1910 fire. Between Aug. 20 and Aug. 23, this horrific inferno burned more than 3 million acres in northern Idaho and western Montana. Eight billion board feet of timber went up in flames, along with homes and most tragically, 78 firefighters, some of whom lie today in unmarked graves in St. Maries.

Experts conclude that the 80 mph winds blowing those two days and nights were unique, and complicating factors of fuel load, primitive firefighting practices and lack of access to much of the land contributed to this monstrosity of a fire. However, today other factors make wildland



Sen. Mike Crapo

fire safety just as important: excessive accumulation of plant undergrowth and other ground fuels, hot, dry weather conditions, increased human use of wilderness and wildland areas and increased wildland/urban interface. As we prepare for another Idaho summer of outdoor recreation almost 100 years later, we must heed lessons learned about wildfire danger.

The familiar Forest Service campaign, "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires," offers these tips:

- Don't park vehicles on dry grass.
- If off-road vehicle use is allowed, internal

combustion equipment requires a spark arrester.

- Know your county's outdoor burning regulations.
- At the first sign of wildfire, leave the area immediately by established trails or roads. Contact a Ranger as soon as possible. If the escape route is blocked, go to the nearest lake or stream.

- Leave campsites as natural as possible; travel on trails and other durable surfaces.

- Inspect your site upon leaving.
- Never take any type of fireworks on public lands.
- Keep stoves, lanterns and heaters away from combustibles.
- Store flammable liquid containers in a safe place.
- Never use stoves, lanterns and heaters inside a tent.

Thoroughly plan your trip. Know the area; develop a checklist; be aware of fire or travel restrictions; know the weather forecast; and select your campsite wisely.

Whether it's a day hike, a weeklong backcountry horse trip, or something in between, you need to be well informed and prepared for emergencies. Preparation and planning go a long way toward preventing catastrophes.

Although the terrible 1910 fire was what might be called a rare "perfect storm," those of us who recreate and work in our great outdoors should do so wisely and responsibly.

— Mike Crapo is a Republican U.S. senator from Idaho.

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condemning property. Seattle just redeveloped much of its downtown without eminent domain.

Worse, government routinely causes "blight." By subsidizing idleness, failing to protect property rights and stifling job creation through burdensome regulations and taxation, government often chokes economic growth. And its anti-growth policies sometimes make it prohibitively expensive to construct new housing anywhere but on land already owned by someone else. There's something amiss when developers find it easier to cannibalize existing owners than to build new homes or shops on vacant land.

Voters in California, Michigan and Florida soon will have the opportunity to vote on ballot initiatives to protect their homes and businesses from eminent domain abuse.

These initiatives are carefully crafted and contain no loopholes for "blighted" property.

Alas, legislators in many other states have been more responsive to the lobbying of powerful developers than to the worries of average citizens who simply want their rights respected. This is unsurprising. Eminent domain, after all, is a big industry.

But if home and business owners are dedicated enough, they once again may gain control over a government that is currently more interested in directing the economy than in protecting our rights to the things we've earned.

— Timothy Sandefur is a staff attorney at the Pacific Legal Foundation, which is based in Sacramento, Calif., and has affiliates in Florida, Washington state and Hawaii. Sandefur's book, "Cornerstone of Liberty: Property Rights in 21st Century America," is scheduled to be published this month by the Cato Institute.

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in the these ways:

- E-mailed to jbrowneditor@cableone.net
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

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**OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2006
MURPHY, IDAHO**

Present were Commissioner’s Tolmie, Reynolds, and Salove, Clerk Sherburn, Assessor Endicott, Treasurer Richards, Fred Grant and Jim Desmond.

The Board amended the agenda to include the Murphy Water Report, Chevron Gas Card for Weed Control, Recognition of Posse Members, Native American Tribes Relations Committee, and comment to BLM.

The Board approved a letter to IAC relating Commissioner Tolmie’s willingness to serve on the Native American Tribes Relations Committee being formed.

The Board approved Certificates of Appreciation to Posse members Tony Malmberg and Bruce Cameron, for their heroism in the rescue of a 13 year old boy at CJ Strike Dam. The presentation will be on June 21st.

The Board reviewed the Water Quality Report for the Murphy Water System.

The Board approved a Chevron Credit Card for the Weed Department.

The Board moved to approve payment of all bills, to be paid from the following funds:

Current Expense \$45,372, Road & Bridge \$29,583, District Court \$7,011, Probation \$1,047, Health District \$4,254, Historical Society & Museum \$291, Indigent & Charity \$26,734, Pest \$4,484, Revaluation \$5,549, Solid Waste \$5,428, Weed \$785, 911 \$2,363.

The Board approved the minutes.

The Board met with the Marsing City Mayor on the law enforcement contract for 2006-2007. No action was taken.

The Board approved the Comment to the BLM on the Draft Bruneau RMP.

The Board approved tax cancellations on PP 5900859T and on RP 05S07E316321A.

The Board took the following action on pending Indigent and Charity cases:

No 06-25 the Board approved payment and a lien be placed

No. 06-26 the Board approved a lien.

No. 06-18 the Board approved payment with reimbursement.

The Board approved beer and wine licenses for the following businesses:

JC Landing, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, Blue Canoe, Black Sands Resort and Hometown Grocery.

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

s.s/Harold Tolmie
Attest: Charlotte Sherburn
6/21/06

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Homedale on the 26th day of June, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of the public hearing is the Zone Change Application and the Application for Subdivision filed by BR Maier Properties, LLC. BR Maier Properties is seeking to rezone the majority of that property that is located at the southwest side of Railroad Way, west of Idaho Avenue and west of First Street West from commercial to

residential and then to construct a 45-home subdivision on that property.

Sylvia L. Bahem, Administrator
Planning & Zoning Commission
City of Homedale
6/14,21/06

**ORDINANCE NO. A-157
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING THE MARSING ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF NON-CONFORMING USES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-6511, the City Council has previously adopted an ordinance establishing zoning standards and provisions for the city, including regulations on non-conforming uses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the City’s best interests to amend the non-conforming use regulations to allow for reconstruction of non-conforming uses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho:

Section 1: Article XII of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Marsing is hereby amended, to read as follows:

Article XII, Section G.1. No existing structure devoted to a use not permitted by this Ordinance in the district in which it is located shall be enlarged, extended, constructed, reconstructed, moved or structurally altered except in changing the use of the structures to a use permitted in the district in which it is located; provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall prohibit the reconstruction of non-conforming residential uses;

Article XII, Section H. On any non-conforming structure, or portion of a structure containing a non-conforming use, work may be done on ordinary repairs or on repair or replacement of non-bearing walls, fixtures, wiring or plumbing, provided that the cubic content existing when it became non-conforming shall not be increased. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to prevent the strengthening or restoring to a safe condition of any building or part thereof declared to be unsafe by any official charged with protection of the public safety upon order of such official.

Section 2: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

DATED this 12th day of June, 2006.
CITY OF Marsing
Owyhee County, Idaho
By: Mayor Don Osterhoudt
ATTEST By: Janice Bicandi,
City Clerk
6/21/06

**INVITATION TO BID
PROJECT TITLE: SILVER CITY ROAD ER**

Separate sealed Bids for the reconstruction of the flood damaged portions of Silver City Road, consisting of approximately 850 feet of various corrugated metal pipe ranging in diameter from 18 inch to 96 inch; stream alteration and brushing to force stream back into original channel; riprap placement; granular fill; granular surfacing of approximately 4 miles of gravel roadway; and

ditching will be received by the Owyhee County at the County Courthouse, 20381 SH 78, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650 until 2:00 p.m., (Local Time) Monday June 26, 2006, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 SH 78, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho

J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc., 217 W. Georgia Avenue, Suite 120, Nampa, Idaho

J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc., 250 S. Beechwood Avenue, Suite 201, Boise, Idaho

Associated General Contractors 110 North 27th Street, Boise, Idaho

Intermountain Contractors, 110 North 27th Street, Boise, Idaho

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc., located at 250 S. Beechwood Avenue, Suite 201, Boise, Idaho, upon payment of \$35.00 for each set.

An informational pre-bid conference will be held at the Owhyee County Courthouse, 20381 SH 78, Murphy, ID on Monday, June 19th at 8:00 a.m. This project is NOT subject to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts.

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the Owner will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the Owner will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the Owner to evaluate the bidder’s qualifications.

All bids must be signed.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of either a bid bond, certified check, cashiers check or cash in the amount of 5 percent of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

6/14,21/06

**BRUNEAU WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
PHASE 3 – WATER TREATMENT
BRUNEAU WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Bruneau Water & Sewer District

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of a water treatment facility, conveyance piping, and water meter replacement will be received by the Bruneau Water & Sewer District. If mailed – Bruneau Water & Sewer District, P.O. Box 194, Bruneau, ID 83604, or if delivered – Bruneau Water & Sewer District, c/o The Fishing Hole, 28661 Bernham Avenue, Bruneau, Idaho 83604, until **2:00 p.m. (local time) July 11, 2006**, and then publicly opened and read aloud at the Bruneau Public Library, #2 Ruth Street, Bruneau, Idaho 83604.

The Project consists of

constructing a reverse osmosis water treatment facility with chemical pretreatment, pressure filtration pretreatment, conveyance piping, water treatment building, yard piping, sitework, and water meter replacement.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Bruneau Public Library, #2 Ruth Street, Bruneau, Idaho

J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc., 250 S. Beechwood Avenue, Suite 201, Boise, Idaho

J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc., 217 West Georgia Avenue, Suite 120, Nampa, Idaho 83686

Associated General Contractors, 110 North 27th Street, Boise, Idaho

McGraw-Hill Construction, 5254 Chinden Boulevard, Boise, Idaho

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc., located at 250 South Beechwood Avenue, Suite 201, Boise, Idaho, upon a non-refundable payment of \$40.00 for each set.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all Bids. Each Bidder must deposit with his Bid security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders

Dated this 12th day of June, 2006

/s/Pat Welsh
Bruneau Water & Sewer District
Owyhee County, Idaho
6/14,21,28/06

**SUMMONS
CASE NO. CV-06-05539
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

ESTATE OF EVELYN ALICE STOUT, Plaintiff,

Vs.
ESTATE OF MERTON EUGENE BALDWIN, and AUDRIA BECK BALDWIN, and JOHN DOE I, JOHN DOE II and JOHN DOE III, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLAINTIFF’S COMPLIANT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF’S OWNERSHIP OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF’S TITLE THERETO.

Defendant.
To: ESTATE OF MERTON EUGENE BALDWIN, and AUDRIA BECK BALDWIN, and JOHN DOE I, JOHN DOE II and JOHN DOE III, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED

IN PLAINTIFF’S COMPLIANT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF’S OWNERSHIP OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF’S TITLE THERETO.

You have been sued by the Estate of Evelyn A. Stout, the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV-06-05539

The nature of the claim against you is a quiet title action.

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Owyhee County, State of Idaho, telephone number (208) 495-2806, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney at Coffel Law Offices, P.C., 921 7th Street South, Nampa, Idaho, 83651, telephone (208) 466-0050.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 22nd day of May, 2006.

CHARLOTTE SHERBURN
Clerk of the District Court
By: Trina Aman, Deputy Clerk
6/21,28;7/5,12/06

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV-06-05532
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR OWYHEE
COUNTY**

In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLIE S. NELSON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RUSSELL W. NELSON has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to RUSSELL W. NELSON, Personal Representative of the estate at 5905 Highway 52, New Plymouth, Idaho 83655, BERT L. OSBORN, attorney for the Estate at P.O. Box 158, Payette, Idaho 83661, or filed with the Court.

DATED this 16th day of May, 2006.

/s/Bert L. Osborn
Attorney for Estate
6/21,28;7/5/06

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Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On September 19, 2006, at the hour of 1:00 o’clock PM of said day, at the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

Lot 10, Block 1, Royal Vista Estates Subdivision, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat recorded April 4, 2002 at Instrument No. 239203, records of said County.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **2664 Royal Vista Dr., Homedale, ID aka 2664 Royal Vista Dr., Homedale, ID aka 2664 Royal Vista Estates, Homedale, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

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

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of the Trust executed by Kenneth S. Burton, also known as Kenneth Steven Burton, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Grantor(s) with New Century Mortgage Corporation as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded March 2, 2005, as Instrument No. 251083, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to US Bank National Association, as Trustee, on behalf of the holders of Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series NC2005-HE4, recorded January 24, 2006, as Instrument No. 254955, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$3,618.55 for the months of October 2005 through and including to date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$493,451.15 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of

7.950% from September 1, 2005, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2006.

Paula Peterson
Trust Office for
Just Law, Inc.
PO Box 50271
Idaho Falls, ID 83405
208-523-9106
Fax 208-523-9146

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

5/31;6/7,14,21/06

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
TRUSTEE’S SALE NO. 02-FWG-42524**

Notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on October 10, 2006, 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: A parcel of land being a portion of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an aluminum cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 14; thence along the Westerly boundary of said West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, South 00°37’50 West 1669.93 feet to an iron pin being the real point of beginning; thence continuing South 00°37’50” West 333.99 feet to an iron pin; thence South 89°23’59” East 662.53 feet to an iron pin; thence North 00°39’50” East 333.70 feet to an iron pin; thence North 89°22’31” West 662.73 feet to the real point of beginning. 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 1302, 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 Floyd H Canoy and Julie K Canoy, husband and wife, as Grantor, to First American Title Company, a Idaho Corporation, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Washington Mutual Bank FA F/K/A Washington Mutual Bank FSB, as Beneficiary, dated 12/14/1998, recorded 12/22/1998, under Instrument No. 226957, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Washington Mutual Bank FA F/K/A Washington Mutual Bank FSB. 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 12/14/1998, the monthly payment which became due on 1/1/2006 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of June 2, 2006 Delinquent Payments from January 01, 2006 6 payments at \$734.24 each \$4,405.44 (01-01-06 through 06-02-06) Late Charges: \$72.57 Beneficiary Advances: \$170.00 Suspense Credit: \$-185.76 Total: \$4,462.25 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 \$79,446.87, together with interest thereon at 8.000% per annum from 12/1/2005, 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 be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. Dated: 6/2/2006 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company Trustee By Gerri Sheppard 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# 775320 6/21,28;7/5,12/06

**AMENDED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
(*Amended to correct auction sales date.)**

On *09/28/2006, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, in the lobby, of the office of, The Owyhee County Courthouse, located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, on behalf of PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, as the Successor Trustee; will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United State of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel 1: A part of Government Lot 4 (SW1/4 SW1/4) of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit: COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of said Section 18, a brass monument; thence North 0° 00’ 29” West 658.83 feet, along the West line of said Government Lot 4, to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence continuing North 0° 00’ 29” West 329.41 feet; thence South 89° 50’ 56” East 662.00 feet; thence South 0° 00’ 28” East 329.94 feet; thence North 89° 48’ 11” West 662.00 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description. Parcel II: A part of Government Lot 4 (SW1/4 SW1/4) of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit: COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of said Section 18, a brass monument thence North 0° 00’ 29” West 988.24 feet, along the West line of Government Lot 4, to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence continuing North 0° 00’ 29” West 329.42 feet to the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 4; thence South 89° 53’ 41” East 662.00

feet, along the North line of said Government Lot 4; thence South 0° 00’ 28” East 329.95 feet; thence North 89° 50’ 56” West 662.00 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

For purposes of compliance with Idaho Code 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 12976 Bailey Road, Melba, ID 83641 may sometimes be associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Lorenzo Rodriguez Gomez, a single person to PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Rick LaFee and Virginia LaFee, husband and wife as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been recorded on 05/22/1998 as Instrument No. 224967, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The above Grantor is named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506 (4) (a). No representation is made that they are or are not presently responsible for this obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure of the Grantor to: 1.) make monthly installments as set forth on the Deed of Trust Note secured by said Deed of Trust. 2.) provide, maintain and deliver proof of

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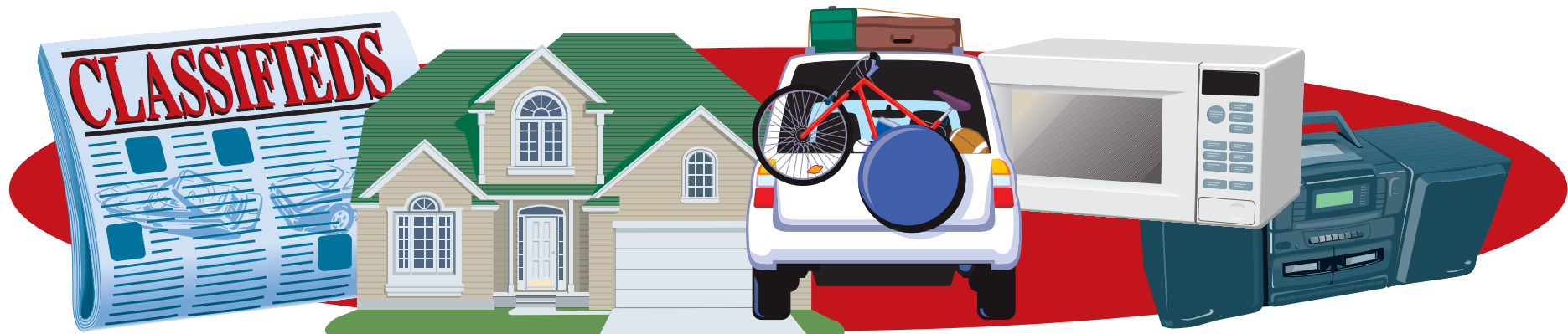
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