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A young member of Herribatza Dantzariak, left, concentrates as he takes his partner through a routine during the Basque dance troupe's performance at Sunday's Txoko Ona dedication celebration. More on the celebration, Pages 14-15.

Some assessments
rise 500 percent
in wake
of increased sales

Even the old mining enclave of Silver City wasn't immune to the rise in property assessments that reverberated through Owyhee County earlier this month.

County assessor Brett Endicott has confirmed that 2007 assessments on the value of some Silver City lots rose 500 percent over last year.

In at least one instance, the assessed value of a property shot to \$25,000 from \$4,500, but Endicott said the county's aggressive look at sales information and an increase in property sales in Silver City contributed to the spike.

"(The county's analysis)

showed that those land values have really risen and part of that is because some of the property has come on the market and sold," Endicott said.

Endicott said that the sales were rare because most of the property in Silver City has remained in families for generations.

"There's been no property available for sale up there, so it's kind of hard to come up with any kind of market value unless there is some type of market there," Endicott said.

He said recent activity helped shape the assessments, but lots were not appraised individually. He said that the lack of lot-by-lot appraisals probably would have meant even higher assessments because sales information showed that individual lots could have been assessed higher than the

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Sewer work gets going

A small crew from Eastern Oregon Construction in Ontario, Ore., kicked off the Homedale municipal sewer expansion project last week by excavating the west side of Industrial Road where it intersects with U.S. Highway 95. This is part of the work that eventually will connect existing homes on Colorado Avenue to city sewer.



Bruneau man killed in accident on Idaho 78

A Bruneau man was killed in a one-vehicle rollover on Idaho highway 78 near Indian Cove early Sunday.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff's Office reports, Juan Morales, 43, died when his 1997 Dodge Caravan left the roadway and rolled several times

approximately 15 miles east of Bruneau. Morales was the vehicle's only occupant.

Morales was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. The vehicle caught fire and burned after the crash. The cause of the accident and Morales' death were unknown as of press

time Monday. It is also unknown if alcohol was a factor in the crash, which is still under investigation by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

While the crash is thought to have occurred between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m., it was not reported to authorities until after 6 a.m.

Sunday.

Morales reportedly has a wife and six children in the Bruneau area. Morales' 18-year-old daughter was transported to the hospital upon being notified of her father's death. Her condition is unknown.

— JWB

Homedale plans budget hearing

City dog pound could find funding next year

The City of Homedale set the date for its annual budget hearing Wednesday night during one of the quickest city council meetings in recent memory.

Meeting without Mayor Paul Fink, but with councilman Steve Schultz back behind the desk for the first time in several weeks, council members set Aug. 1 as the date for this year’s public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

Councilman Dave Downum conducted the meeting in Fink’s absence. Schultz had missed a few meetings for personal reasons. Wednesday’s meeting lasted a little more than 15 minutes inside the newly remodeled magistrate courtroom.

One item that could find its way into the budget is funding to build a municipal dog pound. City public works supervisor Larry Bauer speculated that a dog pound would cost about \$5,000.

The topic of the dog pound was revisited after councilman Tim Downing asked Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller about recent canine impound fees on the city’s expense sheet.

“I think this would be a good program if we can find the money for it,” councilman Steve Schultz said.

The council had agreed late last year to explore building a dog pound, possibly on land near the Homedale Airport. In addition to saving the money spent on the use of other shelters, Eidemiller suggested that Homedale could generate revenue by renting out unused pens once the facility is built.

City attorney Michael Duggan said he still was working on modifying Homedale’s dog ordinance, which would make the offense an infraction instead of misdemeanor thus cutting down on the strain on the court.

Eidemiller also reported that the police force’s new car is in the final stages of preparation. Workers who maintain Canyon County’s fleet of vehicles will transfer emergency equipment from Homedale’s wrecked cruiser to the new car before it is finally driven from Caldwell to be put in service here. The disabled vehicle was hauled to Caldwell on Friday to begin the transfer.

The new police car replaces one wrecked in a New Year’s Eve mishap on the icy U.S. Highway 95 bridge over the Snake River.

Bauer also told council members that city crews plan to begin street patching this week.

“We’ll be all over town filling potholes,” Bauer said. “We don’t have as big of a job, though. The dry winter saved our asphalt this year.”

The city council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Thursday to address the zoning and preplat approval for the Pioneer Road property on Ron and Julie Woods want to build a residential subdivision.



Homedale courtroom remodel complete
When the Homedale City Council met Wednesday for its first regular meeting of the month, members did so inside revamped chambers. The magistrate court inside Homedale City Hall recently received a new jury box, bench and bar — the railing the separates the gallery from the court proceedings. City officials said the benches in the gallery are next on the list to be replaced, but no firm plans have been set.



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Marsing schools facing a tight budget this year

Superintendent says students will be the last to feel the pinch

The Marsing Schools' 2007-08 budget is tight, but education will be the last sector to feel the pinch, according to the district's superintendent.

"As we look at (the budget), it's going to be really quite tight," superintendent Dr. Harold Shockley said after a June 12 budget hearing. "We'll wait until our audit comes in to see what we really have. We'll follow it tight, and we'll stay in the black, even if it means cutting some things to do it. We've got to."

"But, we'll be as creative as we can to keep things moving. Our major focus is still going to be kids and instructional programs, and if I have to reduce, it will be as far away from the kids as I can."

Shockley said the district's total projected budget for 2007-08 is approximately \$5.25 million, but the final numbers won't be calculated until mid-October. At that time word on available federal funds will be received, and the district will amend the budget.

With a tight budget in the works, Shockley said that decisions to cut in any areas are going to be

a collaborative effort between all involved. But with no real excesses in the budget, he warned those decisions will be tough.

"There isn't any one thing that I can go after, because there isn't a 'fat spot' in the budget," the superintendent said.

Shockley said few community members turned out to provide comment at the budget hearing during last week's school board meeting. One of the standouts in the audience was newly elected trustee Jaime Woods. The only other folks in the audience, Shockley said, were a handful of school administrators.

Shockley said that the Board projected a balanced budget and the only possible increases are for salary structure, which will likely follow State of Idaho guidelines, though salary negotiations are still ongoing.

Another crucial area, Shockley pointed out, was the possibility of shifting some available state funds for textbooks, but he said state textbook funding is a Catch-22.

"In order to even access those dollars, the district has to budget \$25 for every elementary student

and \$50 for every middle school and high school student before we can even access the dollars that are set out for districts that don't have sufficient textbooks," the superintendent said.

"It's kind of a little bit of a problem. If we had the money to bring them in to begin with, we would have."

Shockley said that the district has attempted to route dollars from other areas to budget for the books, because the district desperately needs new textbooks.

One of the other cutbacks has been in salaries. Shockley said that — with the exception of teachers' salaries that are guided by negotiations and state guidelines — there are no pay increases planned.

Shockley said any tough decisions on cutbacks the district may be forced to make will be contemplated with as much input as possible, and there will be accountability for the aftermath.

"It has to be," he said. "What I would say is that (we will) put as many 'fingerprints' on the process as we can, because if we get into those situations, you'd better have ownership. It won't be fun for anybody, but we'll have to have it."

— JWB

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— **Harold Shockley**
Marsing School District superintendent

Derby drivers meeting scheduled tonight

The mandatory drivers meeting for the silver anniversary Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby will be held tonight at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant on W. 1st Street North.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. The demolition derby, which was first held in 1982, will start at 6 p.m. July 4 at the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo grounds. A fireworks show and concert by the band Straight Shooter will follow the action.

Tickets are available at NAPA Auto Parts stores in Homedale and Marsing. Lions Club representative Rob Townsend said Monday morning that seats for A section, the covered area in the

arena, is sold out. He said tickets for B section, the uncovered area next to main grandstand, and C section, the seats on the far side of the arena, are going fast. B section tickets are \$12, and C section seats go for \$11.

Townsend expects all tickets to be sold in advance, and in all likelihood no tickets will be available at the gate on July 4.

Call 573-1350 or 337-4668 to register a car for the derby.

Rulebooks are available at NAPA Auto Parts stores in Homedale and Marsing as well as Perfection Repair in Homedale and Matteson's at the corner of Main Street and Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

Marsing council meets tonight

The Marsing City Council will meet at 7 tonight at Marsing City Hall.

Council members are expected to discuss the following items, among other topics:

- A city attorney resolution regarding the Morning Dove subdivision irrigation

- Salaries for the mayor and city council
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Agency water project report
- Consideration of a \$500 donation to the Chamber of Commerce for the Third of July fireworks display

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Woman pleads guilty in death of friend

A Boise woman charged with vehicular manslaughter after a fatal car crash in March pleaded guilty earlier this month in Murphy.

Tyra Clements, 20, was charged with vehicular manslaughter for her involvement in a fiery automobile accident that claimed the life of a 19-year-old Nampa woman on Idaho highway 78 south of Marsing.

Clements entered a guilty plea on June 8 and is scheduled to appear for a sentencing hearing in Murphy on Aug. 10.

By Idaho law, she faces up to 10 years in prison and up to a \$15,000 fine.

Clements was driving a 2000 Chevrolet Malibu after attending a party in rural Owyhee County. Her infant child and 19-year-old Victoria May Shafner were

passengers. The vehicle apparently left the roadway on a curve, crashed and then burst into flames.

Clements and her 3-month-old infant escaped and were later treated at a Caldwell hospital for minor injuries. Shafner was trapped inside the burning car and died at the scene.

“She basically ran off the road on a curve. The car went down into the barrow pit, came up against an embankment, went airborne, landed back on its wheels and caught fire,” Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said after the



Tyra Clements

incident. “The driver (Clements) got her baby out and couldn’t get the other girl out because it (the car) was already on fire.”

Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies, Homedale Police officers and Marsing Fire and Ambulance responded to the crash. The Idaho State Police later conducted an accident-reconstruction investigation.

After the accident, Clements was given a blood test for controlled substances at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell, but she was not charged with driving under the influence.

Clements was arrested and booked into the Owyhee County Jail for vehicular manslaughter. Her bond was set at \$10,000 during arraignment, which she later posted.

— JWB

Deputies rescue woman, kids lost in Bruneau Desert

A Canyon County woman and her four children are safe after being rescued by Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies on Friday.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron said the group was totally unprepared for a backcountry trip 30 miles from the highway. The travelers had no food or water, and they weren’t carrying a map.

Cameron said that on Friday afternoon 35-year-old Tawnya Christiansen and her four children, ranging in age from 4 to 13, took a drive in their 1994 Ford Explorer to the Bruneau Canyon.

“The woman and her children went out to look at the Bruneau Canyon, missed the road, went out towards Clover Creek, got turned around and started to go back,” Cameron said.

He said the trouble began when the group took a wrong turn, which took them near Balancing Rock.

After realizing she was lost, Christiansen found a place where

she was able to make a cell phone call to 911. She reported to dispatchers that she was lost with her four children, with no food or water.

Deputies quickly mobilized, and Sgt. Jim Bish took to the air with volunteer search pilot Ed Dickman, who were soon able to locate the vehicle and guide them to deputies on land.

Deputies provided the group with water and directions back to Bruneau without incident. There were no injuries reported.

Cameron said that even though Christiansen was unprepared for the situation, there are lessons to be learned, mainly to have plenty of fuel before leaving the area, and staying put once help is en route.

“Don’t go out totally unprepared: Let someone know where you are going, make sure you have a cell phone and it is charged. She did the right thing by getting to a cell phone area and just stopping.”

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P&Z tackles Silver City viewshed again

Today's public hearing addresses ordinance aimed at preserving town's historic charm

Much like a horseman would carefully guide his animal along the ridgeline above Silver City, county planners are walking a tightrope between property rights and preservation as they try to shape development rules for the area around the historic mining town.

"It is a fine line between property rights and historic preservation," Owyhee County Historical Preservation Commission chair and Silver City area property owner Paul Nettleton said. "And it's a line I'm hoping we're treading on (lightly)."

"I guess the best barometer of how you're doing is if you've got both sides upset at you, and apparently we do. The property rights advocates and the preservation advocates, neither one are very satisfied with what we got. Hopefully we can present it in a way that can satisfy everybody."

The sides will come together again today for a 2 p.m. public hearing before the county planning and zoning commission. The meeting in Murphy is the second such hearing on a proposed ordinance that would create a 10,240-acre Silver City Historic District separate from the 160-

acre townsite.

County P&Z administrator Mary Huff said today's meeting is a continuation of a public hearing that was recessed on April 18. Nettleton said the viewshed ordinance has been in the works for about four years, but progress has sped up in recent months.

Nettleton anticipates that the P&Z commission will vote today on whether to send the draft on to the county board of commissioners. If the ordinance is forwarded to the commissioners, another public hearing will be held.

The proposed ordinance would place restrictions on what property owners can do with their land and their homes, and also will dictate how land can be developed in the "viewshed" around Silver City. Silver City's viewshed is bordered by landforms such as Florida Mountain, War Eagle Mountain, Potosi Ridge, the Silver City entrance road, New York Summit and the Jordan Headwaters Ridgeline.

Under the proposed ordinance, any structure built that can be seen from the Silver City townsite (within its viewshed, in other words) must meet appropriateness guidelines set forth as embodying the



Silver City enthusiasts play balancing act

The next step in establishing a county ordinance that would help regulate the type of development allowed in Silver City has a second public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission today in Murphy.

historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage reflected in landmarks. Similarly, any improvements or repairs made to existing structures would have to be deemed appropriate for the area. The ordinance would charge the preservation commission with recommending approval of new construction or upgrades to the planning and zoning commission through a Certificate of Appropriateness.

There already are such covenants in place in the Silver City townsite dictating how buildings can be repaired and restored, including the shades of paint that can be used. However, contrary to a seemingly popular misconception, paint-

ing and beautifying structures — within the confines of the existing ordinance — is allowed.

Clarence Orton, who like Nettleton has longtime family ties to property in Silver City, says the expanded historic district would serve as a deterrent to developers who want to build large-scale dwellings or even multi-home subdivisions around the pioneer town.

"This is a historic district," said Orton, whose mother and grandmother both were born in Silver City. "If you start putting up condominiums and lodges, that distracts from the historic integrity of the area, and the comprehensive land use plan clearly states (offi-

cials) want to preserve that."

Orton said the draft ordinance would help turn back developers who might turn Silver City into another Idaho City, which has become commercialized over the years and now is a burgeoning community that some say is no longer in touch with its Old West roots.

"The country up here is so special because it hasn't been ruined by commercial development, and for us to allow that to happen would be a real travesty," Orton said.

While large subdivisions probably aren't realistic for the area around the former county seat because of the lack of road and municipal infrastructure, Nettleton and Orton agree that a developer with enough money could come in and build an undesirable subdivision unless something is done within the county codebook.

"The roads are primitive," Nettleton said. "The development of something large like a ski lodge, hotel/motel or even a bed and breakfast ... The infrastructure isn't there and probably never will be because (Bureau of Land Management) has no desire to improve the roads."

"I'm not sure if a zoning ordinance is going to change it all that much, but it will put another step in the way."

— JPB



Marsing children learn to grow

Growing in the Garden was the theme of a special day camp offered through the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension office's Junior Master Gardener program and held in conjunction with the Marsing summer school. Fifteen children participated and learned about soils, making stepping stones, bird feed pinecones, nutrition and planting in the garden. The highlight of the program was the salsa-making competition and the students enjoying eating their creations. Photo by Jan Aman

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✓ Silver City: Property owners can see both sides of the land value issue

general appraisal.

Clarence Orton, whose family has owned property in Silver City, said his assessment doubled.

"If I was living in the city and this happened to my house, I'd be outraged," he said. "I know what some of the houses have sold for here."

"Supply and demand makes it worth more. Of course I don't place a value on it because I don't plan on leaving, but I can't argue

with what I got in the mail."

Raleigh Hawe, whose family owns Silver City property, was angered by the new assessments. He said the property, which he puts at about an acre with a 20-foot-by-20-foot house on it, was one of the parcels on which the assessment increased 500 percent.

"That's on property that has no water, no sewer, no electricity," Hawe said. "It's a rebuilt old place."

Endicott said the effect on property taxes should be minimal — at the most — because the levies in the Silver City area already are low. He reiterated that there is no way to know how property taxes will be affected, but because of the low levy rate, he said property owners needn't fear of a 500 percent hike in tax bills.

Hawe hinted he would be flabbergasted if taxes skyrocketed.

"You can't speculate on blue-sky stuff as to the value," he said. "You have to have real facts."

"If anybody can justify a tax increase in that area like that, they've spent too much time on War Eagle."

As he said last week after assessments were first mailed out, Endicott claimed that most protestations lodged with his office have been amicable.

"In all reality, people have been

very reasonable and let us explain what we've done," he said. "For some, they want to go through the appeal process, and we ask that they document why they think they're right and we're wrong."

"If they can show us that we're wrong, that's great because the more information we have the better analysis we can make. We have quite a bit of data, so we're very confident."

— JPB

Obituaries

Fred R. Eiguren

Fred R. Eiguren, age 90, died Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at his home in Nampa, Idaho surrounded by his family.

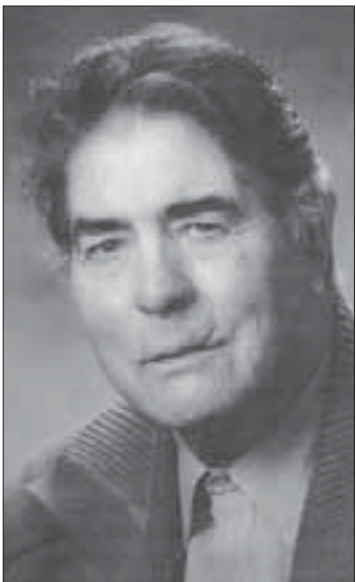
Vigil Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 20th at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise, Idaho. Vigil Rosary will be recited Thursday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Bernard's Catholic Church in Jordan Valley, Oregon. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 22nd at Saint Bernard's. Services are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

Fred was born February 28, 1917 at the Sheep Ranch in Arock, Oregon, to Pascual M. Eiguren and Catalina Elordi.

He attended grade school in Arock and high school in Boise, Idaho, graduating from Saint Teresa's Academy. Fred went on to college, attending Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. Fred enjoyed playing football in college and spending time with his college teammates.

After college, he returned home to Arock to run the family ranch with his father and mother.

On October 10, 1943, Fred married Isabel Mendieta in Jordan



Valley, and of this union eight children were born and raised on the family ranch in Arock.

Fred worked hard all his life on the Sheep Ranch, promoting the cattle industry and developing a successful cattle operation which remains owned and operated by his sons, Richard and Fred and their families.

Fred was an active member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Arock, a mission church of Saint Bernard's Parish in Jordan Valley.

Always proud of his Basque

heritage, he remained well connected with his extended family both here and in the Basque Country.

Fred enjoyed life. In the past few years he has spent many hours watching football with his daughters, rodeos with his family, and family gatherings with his grandchildren. He was very proud of being "Aichicha" to so many beautiful children.

Fred is survived by his wife, Isabel; his children, Kathleen Mendiola, Nampa, Id., Richard (Margene) Eiguren, Arock, Ore., Elizabeth (Fermin) Bilbao, Nampa, Id., Christina (Ron) Rhoades, Nampa, Id., Maria-"Dode" (Steve) Dugger, Nampa, Id., Frances (Charlie) Cortez, Caldwell, Id., Fred (Kristie) Eiguren, Arock, Ore., and Anita (Doyle) Gellerman, Nampa, Id.; as well as his 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard; his mother, Catalina; his father, Pascual; and his son-in-law Justo Mendiola.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made in Fred's memory to the Holy Family Catholic Church / Saint Bernard's Catholic Church in Jordan Valley, Oregon 97910.

Elias Garcia Gil 'Junior' and Arnulfo Jose Garcia

Elias Garcia Gil "Junior", 18 years old, and his brother Arnulfo Jose Garcia, 17 years old, suddenly entered into the loving arms of Jesus early Sunday morning, June 10, 2007, in a tragic car accident. Although the boys had lived in Caldwell, Nampa and Arizona, most of their childhood was spent in Homedale.

Junior loved his wrestling and has won many medals and trophies. He also loved to play football for his school. He was extremely intelligent and was looking forward to a bright future. One of the brightest spots in his life was when his son Dominick Rey was born. Junior had moved to Marana, AZ to live with his father

and stepmother, Elias and Tamra Garcia and sister Maria Elena Garcia. Elias and his boys were very close, even best friends. Jose lived with his mother in Nampa. Jose loved animals, Crystal his pit bull and roosters. He loved hunting, camping, fishing and the entire great outdoors. These boys meant everything to their father. Their baby sister, Maria, hopes and prays that the boys can know that she loves them with all her heart and they meant the world to her. She will always carry them in her heart. Maria's boyfriend, Roberto, Campos was best friends with Junior and says that he will always be a big brother to him.

Junior and Jose are survived by their mother, Joann Gil of Nampa, father and stepmother Elias and Tamra Garcia, of Marana AZ, a sister Maria Elena Garcia, grandmother Patricia Millan of

Caldwell. Paternal Grandmother Maria Garcia of Mexico, and numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins which they were very close to. When Elias and Tamra wed Junior, Jose and Maria gained a sister Raycal of Homedale who later gave them two nieces, who the boys adored. They blended right in with the extended family of Tamra's parents, Boyd and Betty Eoff of Homedale, who welcomed their big brown eyes and their heart warming smiles.

Services were held Monday, June 18 2007, at 2 p.m., at the Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Community in Caldwell. They will be laid to rest in the Wilder Cemetery with their baby brother, Alderto Garcia, who preceded them in death. They are loved and missed deeply. May God bless their memories. A memorial fund in their memory has been set up at Home Federal Bank.

Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

The 71 Livestock Association is holding its 90th Anniversary celebration on June 26, 2007 at Stelle Springs on Aslett's House Creek ranch. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a short program and lunch to follow. Members are asked to bring a salad. It will be a good time for old friends to meet, and we hope some of the descendants of the charter members might make it. Copies of stories and photos from the past and present would be nice for a display.

School let out on May 18, and it was also kindergarten graduation time for Kodee Severe. The schoolchildren, Jessica, Kodee and Diann all expressed their love for the teacher, Mrs. Boss.

Dustin and Audra Broadhead and infant daughter have left the Diamond A Ranch and are now employed for Ira Brackett at Roseworth.

Mable Francis Clark, 90, wife of one of our natives, passed away June 2, 2007 in Twin Falls. She was born Sept. 2, 1916 in Modesto, Calif. While attending business school in Sparks, Nev., she met Jim Clark, oldest son of George and Dora Clark. Jim and Mable were married Sept. 29, 1940 in Lovelock, Nev. They came to the Clark ranch at Three Creek where they stayed until 1948. They then lived in Twin Falls and led an interesting life. Jim passed away in 2004. She is survived by three sons and their families.

School menu

Bruneau

June 21: Cereal, fruit, milk; sub sandwich, tots, veggie, fruit, milk.

June 22: No school.

June 25: Cereal, juice, milk; tacos, chips & salsa, corn, fruit, milk.

June 26: Cheese quesadilla, fruit, milk; hamburger/bun, wedges, fruit, milk, cookie.

June 27: Toast, hash browns, fruit, milk; chicken nuggets, salad, scalloped potatoes, pears, roll, milk.

June 28: Cereal, milk, juice; corn dog, tots, veggie, fruit, milk.

Note —All children 18 and younger eat free. Breakfast served from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.; lunch served from noon to 12:45 p.m.

Death notices

TONY KLUG, 70, of Grand View, died Tuesday, June 12, 2007, in a Boise hospital. A memorial service was held Saturday, June 16, at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel.

JUNE E. MASTEN, 78, of Homedale, died Tuesday, June 12, 2007, a Homedale care center. There were no services, and inurnment was at Wilder Cemetery. Cremation is under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

TED L. McMASTERS, 72, of Givens Springs, died June 9, 2007. A memorial service was held Wednesday, June 13, at the Church of Christ in Caldwell.

GLADYS MESSENGER. Friends and family will hold a celebration of her life at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 1, 2007, at the Grand View Cemetery. A light lunch will be served at 1:30 p.m. at Knight Community Church.

CHARLES E. YOST, 76, formerly of Homedale and one-time 14-year Zone 3 representative on the Homedale School Board, died at his Caldwell home of natural causes on June 11, 2007. Cremation is under direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel. Services will be scheduled at a later date.



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Dear Dave,

My husband has a 1980 Camaro that's a real source of friction between us. He bought the car for \$2,400. It needs \$3,500 in repairs. Our household income is \$29,000 a year, and this car is taking money away from our ability to save and pay off \$39,000 in debt. We both already have decent cars, so what should I do?

— Katherine

Dear Katherine,

This isn't a matter of having a car that runs. It's a matter of someone having a maturity problem.

Guys like shiny toys, especially cars. But these kinds of things are luxuries, and they should have to wait until the household and finances are in order. The family should always come first!

I'm not saying he has to sell the car today, but dumping money into it while you guys are struggling doesn't make sense. Sit down with the guy, explain how you feel and what this is doing to your finances and your marriage.

And you might even give him a little incentive. Let him know that once your debt is gone and you've got some savings in place he'll have the money to get that muscle car up and running in no time!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm a stay-at-home mom with two preschool kids. My husband brings home about \$2,800 a month, and our mortgage payment is \$1,100 a month. Over the past two years, we've been tapping into our savings to help pay bills. Do you think I should find a good daycare center for the kids and go back to work?

— Toni

Dear Toni,

I can't blame you for wanting to stay home with your children — especially when they're so young. Being a full-time mom is a great thing.

The biggest problem I see is that you guys are a little rich on your house payment. Forty percent of your husband's pay is going toward your home, and that's just too much. Your house payment should never be more than about 25 percent of your take home pay.

It's no picnic trying to live on \$1,700 a month especially with two babies in the house. But there's not a lot of fat to cut out at this point. One option would be for your husband to do something to get his income level up, whether it's taking a part-time



job for a while or furthering his education. Another is to sell the house, and I'm not a big fan of that one.

Think of this as a math problem with three components — income, lifestyle and house payment. One of these has got to give. But I think you and your husband need to sit down, hold hands and talk this one out together. There's going to have to be some sacrifice, and only you two can determine what you're willing and unwilling to do.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband has a terminal neurological disease that probably will last for some time. We've got about \$600,000 in a traditional IRA in government money market funds. I'm afraid of losing or misusing it, and I want him to be able to enjoy a few things and have something of an inheritance left over. What's your advice?

— Crystal

Dear Crystal,

I'm sorry to hear about your husband. I know you're both going through a really scary time.

I'd suggest sitting down with someone in the mutual fund business — someone with the heart of a teacher — and learning all you can about good growth stock mutual funds. Then, once you have a good understanding of how they work, I'd move the majority of the money you've got in that IRA into one.

Here's the deal, Crystal. You really don't need that \$600,000 in cash. You need the income it can produce. And properly invested in a good growth stock mutual fund, that nest egg could provide you with \$40,000 to \$60,000 a year for a long, long time.

— 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. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Calendar

Today

Homedale Friends Community Church Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon, 17434 Highway 95, transportation from Homedale Elementary School. (208) 337-3464

El-Ada Community Action Partnership commodity distribution, 11 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4812

Bruneau and Beyond speaker series, Bruneau Valley District Library, noon, free, 32073 Ruth Ave., Bruneau. RSVP by June 18 at (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345

Marsing Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Essence of Life, 107 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-7001

DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby drivers meeting, 7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 573-1350

Thursday

Homedale Friends Community Church Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon, 17434 Highway 95, transportation from Homedale Elementary School. (208) 337-3464

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Storytime at the library, 11 a.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive. (208) 495-1063

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

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

Friday

Homedale Friends Community Church Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon, 17434 Highway 95, transportation from Homedale Elementary School. (208) 337-3464

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Saturday

Fund-raising car wash, 10 a.m., TC's 24-7 convenience store parking lot, corner of Main Street and West Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 337-3414

Tuesday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Rhythm and Rhyme at the library, 11 a.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive. (208) 495-1063

Storytime for first- through third-graders, 4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Owyhee Plaza, 105 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. Snake River Valley

Fellowship, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder. Homedale. (208) 475-3733

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

Wednesday

DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Submit information on upcoming fund-raisers, reunions or community events to *The Owyhee Avalanche* by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the *Avalanche* office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jbrownditor@cablone.net. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

June 21: Baked fish, baked potato, carrots, roll, beverage.
June 26: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, roll, beverage.
June 27: Chicken patty/bun w/lettuce & tomato, pickled beets, beverage.
June 28: Italian sausage & spaghetti, tossed salad, roll, beverage.

Marsing Senior Center

June 21: Salisbury steak, broccoli, potatoes, beet salad, soup, dessert, beverage.
June 25: Breakfast to order.
June 26: Chicken & dumplings, yams, applesauce, green salad, bread, dessert, beverage.
June 27: Breakfast to order or BBQ beef, fries, baked beans, corn on the cob, soup, dessert, beverage.
June 28: Pork chops, potatoes/gravy, beets, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Read all about it
in the Avalanche!

4-H horse show results released

The Poison Creek Posse 4-H club recently held a casual dress horse show despite heavy rain. Judges for the event were Gina Showalter, Mandy Rowland and Alysha Bahem. Kinzie Reuck and Alysha Bahem assisted as ring stewards. Division champions received awards, and ribbons were given through 10th place. There also were drawings for packages of horse treats.

Showmanship

Adult — 1. Amber Will; 2. Darla Yeager; 3. Andrea Thompson; 4. Christine Floyd
Senior — 1. Kortney Bahem; 2. Emma Bennett; 3. Jesse Will; 4. Sierra Ridley; 5. Rowdy Lair
Intermediate — 1. Lacey Usabel; 2. Brittany Rahier; 3. Stephanie Hylton; 4. Tanner Lair; 5. Beth Bennett; 6. Elizabeth Gramps; 7. Evon Timmons; 8.

Kylie Schonover; 9. Becky Carter; 10. Chastity Villa Partello
Junior — 1. Carlie Purdom; 2. Briana Thompson; 3. Jackie Phillips; 4. Triston Hylton; 5. Justice Cook; 6. Cejay Villa Partello; 7. Jaycee Gibbons
Novice — 1. Morgan Monson; 2. Kendra Noneman; 3. Allison Gibbons; 4. Colt Yeager

Western equitation

Adult — 1. Amber Will
Senior — 1. Jesse Will; 2. Kortney Bahem; 3. Sierra Ridley; 4. Emma Bennett
Intermediate — 1. Lacey Usabel; 2. Brittany Rahier; 3. Kylie Schonover; 4. Tanner Lair; 5. Becky Carter; 6. Chastity Villa Patello; 7. Rachel Williams; 8. Beth Bennett; 9. Elizabeth Gramps; 10. Stephanie Hylton
Juniors — 1. Carlie Purdom; 2. Jackie Phillips; 3. Cejay Villa Partello; 4. Briana Thompson; 5. Triston Hylton
Novice — 1. Morgan Monson; 2. Allison Gibbons; 3. Kendra Noneman; 4. Colt Yeager

Bareback equitation

Adult — 1. Amber Will
Senior — 1. Jesse Will; 2. Kortney Bahem; 3. Sierra Ridley;

4. Amber MacDowell
Intermediate — 1. Lacey Usabel; 2. Tanner Lair; 3. Kylie Schonover; 4. Becky Carter; 5. Beth Bennett; 6. Stephanie Hylton; 7. Chastity Villa Partello
Junior — 1. Carlie Purdom; 2. Jackie Phillips; 3. Briana Thompson; 4. Cejay Villa Partello
Novice — 1. Morgan Monson; 2. Allison Gibbons; 3. Kendra Noneman; 4. Colt Yeager

Reining

Adult — 1. Amber Will
Senior — 1. Kortney Bahem; 2. Jesse Will; 3. Sierra Ridley
Intermediate — 1. Lacey Usabel; 2. Brittany Rahier; 3. Elizabeth Gramps; 4. Stephanie Hylton; 5. Tanner Lair; 6. Kylie Schonover; 7. Becky Carter
Junior — 1. Carlie Purdom

Trail

Adult — 1. Amber Will
Senior — 1. Kortney Bahem; 2. Jesse Willi; 3. Sierra Ridley
Intermediate — 1. Lacey Usabel; 2. Becky Carter; 3. Brittany Rahier
Junior — 1. Carlie Purdom; 2. Justice Cook

Marsing Lions to install officers in Caldwell today

The Marsing Lions Club will install new officers tonight in a dinner ceremony. The dinner takes place at Orphan Annie's in Caldwell. The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$16. For more information or to buy tickets, contact outgoing club president Bob Malmberg at 896-4204.



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County P&Z amendment process continues

At a recent meeting, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend Article II of the county's P&Z ordinance affecting easements and land use.

The recently approved amendments to the P&Z ordinance will require a conditional use permit (CUP) for the creation of an easement, which requires the landowner affected by the easement to change or alter his land use. The amendment addresses recreation, conservation and open space easements.

"Changes in the zoning ordinance relate to requiring a conditional use permit for a conservation easement because ... the conservation easement can be so restrictive on the property that it's on that it can also make agricultural use next to impossible," county hearing officer Fred Grant said.

For example, Grant said, aerial agricultural spraying could be hampered if an easement is too close to a field.

Grant said the requirement of a CUP allows public hearings on proposed easements so neighboring property owners can determine if such a change would limit their land-use options.

Section 2 of the ordinance describes terms used:

- "Easement" refers to an interest in land conveyed and granted by the landowner to another person, the grantor landowner becoming the owner of the affected property.

- "Conservation" means "protection of natural resources and the environment and excludes development of the land."
- "Conservation easement" means an easement that places limitation on the use of the affected property for conservation purposes.
- A "recreation easement" refers to an easement that places limitation on the use of property for recreation purposes.
- An open space easement means an easement that places limitation on the use of property for open space purposes.

Section 3 of the ordinance amends permitted uses in the agricultural, residential, multi-use, commercial, industrial and historic district zones to provide for CUPs for easements listed in Section 2.

Section 4 provides for "show-cause" proceedings when the planning and zoning commission or board of commissioners receives reports of ordinance violations.

Section 5 states that a CUP is not final until a written document, including findings, conclusions and order is signed by the Planning and Zoning Commission or board of commissioners and recorded by the county clerk.

Section 6 allows the construction of a single-family residential dwelling in a agricultural zone if it will be occupied by a farm/ranch owner's family member, agent or employee who is employed full-time in the operation of the farm, ranch of agricultural unit.

— JWB

Recreation Task Force authorized to stay on job

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners has re-authorized the Recreation Task Force to help deal with the variety of land use issues in the area.

At their June 11 meeting, the commissioners passed Resolution No. 07-08, which allows the task force to continue its work and outlines the process for naming members. Sheriff Gary Aman chairs the committee.

Members include: Bill Jones, Brad Brooks, Bill Taylor, Brad Huff, Fred Grant, Gayle Buhner-Poorman, Jim Desmond, Karen Steenhoff, Lee Kliman, Ryan Homan, Staci Grant, Steve Kilpatrick and Tyler Welshimer.

According to the resolution the task force was created "to take prospective, effective and prompt action to meet the continuing issue regarding conflicts of use involving motorized and non-motorized recreation, livestock grazing, private property and environmental concerns."

A major contribution by the task force was the plan for the Hemingway Butte open recreation area, which was adopted into the County Natural Resources Plan and was essentially followed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) through the coordination process, the resolution states.

The resolution is aimed to create a process through which the county will coordinate with the BLM to prevent and resolve conflicts between private landowners, recreation users, and management requirements.

Other objectives of the resolution include:

- Provide a forum for presentation of positions on conflict issues by land users.
- Attempt to work out agreements that will benefit land users, minimize conflicts among various user groups, and cause the least possible impact on each group of users on natural resources, in accordance with the BLM Resource Management Plans, Owyhee County land use plans, Owyhee Initiative and other plans by the county and BLM.
- If agreements are not possible, the resolution provides avenue as to action, which are needed to resolve conflict or mitigate or minimize adverse impact caused by conflict with findings supporting the recommendations.

- Make recommendations to county for protection of private property and property rights and access for recreation users.
- Advise the county commissioners and directors of the Owyhee Initiative as to short-term and long-term resolution of conflicts.
- Seek consistency between land uses and the Owyhee Initiative Agreement as to the protection of natural resources within the county, protection of private property rights and the preservation of viability of livestock grazing, and open access for recreation uses.

— JWB

Homedale city crews spray parks for mosquitoes as a precaution

The City of Homedale took a step toward controlling the presence of West Nile Virus recently by spraying throughout its parks system.

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer filed a progress report on the city's first spraying of mosquitoes in 1997. He said city workers sprayed in the parks and shrubs after a community service group complained of an abundance of insects after a recent Saturday work project at Riverside Park.

Bauer said the city sprayed insecticide in areas that traditionally stay wetter during the summer, such as ditch banks.

Bauer said that the city spent \$75 on chemicals, which will cover eight sprayings.

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Chamber eyes August for golf tourney

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce focused on promotion and marketing Thursday during its monthly luncheon.

Chamber members discussed when in August to schedule a golf tournament at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder. Nothing was decided, but the idea of playing on a Wednesday afternoon or Friday morning will be taken to the committee handling the preparations.

Members took up the idea of launching a Web site again, with City of Homedale

representative Larry Bauer suggesting that the Chamber approach the Homedale High School Web Design class about possibly engineering a site.

Jeff Blodgett from Adair Homes and Just Believe In ... motivational speaking stressed that the Chamber must decide what it wants to accomplish with the Internet site and then apply that objective to the construction of the page.

Blodgett was the luncheon's guest speaker for the second month in a row. He spoke about

marketing as it relates to the Chamber.

Blodgett said the bottom line for the Chamber was to create a lasting impression and to focus on who the organization's target audience would be while remaining open to change.

"You have to ask the question, 'Who is our initial audience?,' " Blodgett told the members. "When you create a marketing message you have create a marketing message that is somewhat flexible."

— JPB

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Store ready for its closeup

The trademark logo and lettering that is seen on Paul's Markets throughout the valley finally has come home to the chain's genesis store. The Homedale location's grand re-opening celebration begins today.

Paul's to celebrate its remodel

Homedale's Paul's Market location steps into a new era today with its grand re-opening. Even though he's the store chain's founder, and the location is just blocks from his office on Main Street, Paul Zatica said the expansion and remodel of the flagship store never was a personal project. "This remodel wasn't for me," he said. "It was ... for the people of Homedale as much as anything." The re-opening celebration will last through Saturday, and store officials said there will be food giveaways, demos and samples, drawings and balloons for children. The expansion, which is the third remodel of the Homedale store since Paul's moved to the Wyoming Avenue location in 1979, includes the addition of 8,000 square feet and new deli, bakery and produce sections. "People were always requesting items from us, and we wanted to make it modern," Zatica said. "Why we built it is we didn't have adequate room to merchandise all the departments." The aisles are wider, there is a new shopping cart bay and another set of entry doors. Steve Zatica said work continues on adding a pharmacy as well, but his dad said that wasn't part of the original remodel plans drafted two years ago. "We didn't really plan on putting a pharmacy in, but we had so many requests from customers wanting to have a pharmacy," Paul Zatica said. The pharmacy won't be ready for the re-opening, but the Zaticas said it will be unveiled soon. Zatica said the remodel also brought the flagship store in line with the chain's other seven locations by installing restrooms. Steve Zatica said another section of frozen cases has been added, and all new refrigerated cases. The beverage and dairy sections have been expanded, and there is a new courtesy counter. The

courtesy counter has been in operation for a while now. Specifics of the celebration include free food items to the first 200 customers to shop at the store today through Saturday. There will be a Western Family shopping spree giveaway, too. Paul Zatica said the expansion also was a strategic move to keep the Homedale store, which was original located in the Farmer's Inn on West Idaho Avenue, viable in an ever-challenging marketplace. "In reality, we have to have a supermarket like that because it's only 12 miles to Caldwell," he said. "We have competition in Caldwell and Nampa, and we just want to give the same service (found there) with the price of gas these days." Zatica said the remodel wasn't just for Homedale residents, though, because the city's Paul's location attracts business from Marsing, Wilder, Adrian, Parma and as far away as Jordan Valley. — JPB

Man arrested after shot fired in argument

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Marsing-area man Saturday after an argument involving a firearm in which a shot was fired. Jay Patrick Meyer, 45, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault after an argument ensued between Meyer and the victim, Danny Hall. Hall's wife, Sandra Hall, called authorities during the argument. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron said that although a shot was fired during the altercation, it was not fired at anyone. Meyer was placed under arrest on a felony charge of aggravated assault involving a firearm. He was held in the Owyhee County Jail without bond. He was scheduled for arraignment Monday. Details of the arraignment or bond amount were not available at press time. — JWB



Jay Patrick Meyer



Homedale area family rules at Dairy Days
The Bertagnolli family of Homedale had three sisters come home from the Meridian Dairy Days show with championship plaques. From left to right: Kynna Bertagnolli, the Junior champion showperson, Karly Bertagnolli, the FFA champion, and Kayla Bertagnolli the overall Dairy Days champion. Submitted photo
Dairy Days concluded Saturday. Kayla and Kynna are members of the Tumbleweeds 4-H club, while Karly is a member of the Homedale High School FFA chapter. Lacey Usabel, competing for Wilson Butte 4-H, placed second in 4-H Intermediate showmanship, and was runner-up in the Holstein Summer Yearling quality class. The University of Idaho Canyon County Extension office, which released the Dairy Days results, listed Homedale as Usabel's hometown.

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Business community worries about pedestrian safety
A man appears to be jaywalking across Main Street in front of a semi-truck Friday morning in Marsing. He's actually walking in the faded remnants of one in a series of crosswalks that traverse Idaho highway 55 throughout the town.

Marsing Chamber discusses community at next meeting

Safer crossings on Main Street,
Third of July on the agenda

Tonight's meeting for the Marsing Chamber of Commerce will focus on future projects, and the group's president says it could be a key meeting for the newly revived organization.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Essence of Life on Main Street.

According to Chamber president Cathy Streibel, members also will discuss improving crosswalks across Marsing's busy Main Street.

"I think this coming Wednesday night will be our kickoff to where we'll be able to make some actual, real plans," Streibel said. "The last two meetings have just been getting the Board organized and the Chamber organized again.

"Our first real meeting will be (tonight)."

Streibel said the Chamber welcomes public comment at the meeting, and she added that interest in the Chamber has surfaced from many facets of the community. Still, she stressed specifically that input at tonight's meeting will be crucial.

"Now is definitely the time to speak up about programs (community members) would like to see us start to implement," she said. "So, if they have a concern or they would like a program, they need to come voice their opinion."

Streibel said that one of the goals of tonight's meeting is to give a louder voice to the community and businesses in Marsing.

Streibel said that things already on the platter for the evening are the upcoming Third of July Celebration, in conjunction with the Lions barbecue. Also on the horizon are the Harvest Festival and the Christmas Parade.

Streibel said that on June 13, the Chamber's officers held an executive meeting that focused on finance. Also, they discussed the possibility of creating a safer crosswalk system across Main Street in Homedale. That topic also will be discussed at tonight's meeting.


"We've noticed a couple of children (on Main Street) that almost got ran over in the last month from semis, and so we need to make our crosswalks better for everyone," Streibel said, adding that ideas surfaced about ways to contact the Idaho Department of Transportation about the issue because of the roadway is part of Idaho highway 55 and under the state agency's jurisdiction.

"We'll be discussing it fully Wednesday."

—JWB

In need of repair

Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Cathy Streibel said the organization plans to mull ways it can persuade the Idaho Transportation Department to put a fresh coat of paint on the crosswalks that are fading from view on Idaho 55.



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Hard-working volunteer earns school board spotlight

After years of behind-the-scenes voluntary maintenance, Mark VanDerhoff was recognized by the Homedale School District's board of trustees with a community member's service award.

VanDerhoff, who has been instrumental in several improvements to Homedale High School sports facilities, was presented with a plaque during a recent school board meeting.

"Mark has a servant's heart and truly has the Homedale kids' best interest in mind," Trojans baseball coach Tim Fulwood said. "He takes great pride in the Homedale facilities and has never asked for anything in return."

"I know that when Mark is involved in something, it will be done right."

VanDerhoff built and installed handrails in the bleachers for the high school gymnasium. He also took part in building the press box and concession stand at the Trojans' baseball field.

High school principal Mike Williams said VanDerhoff came up with the idea for the handrails in the gymnasium after watch-

ing elderly fans "struggle at the risk of falling to gain a good seat or vantage point at the top of the bleachers" for basketball and volleyball games.

Williams said VanDerhoff designed the handrails, built the materials, created the handrails and installed them.

"Mark VanDerhoff has spent countless hours helping turn the Homedale baseball field from a safety hazard and eyesore into one of the better facilities in the area and one that the Homedale community can be proud of," Fulwood said in comments submitted to the school board.

"Mark is a tireless worker and many times has volunteered to come down and work on the field from morning to evening ..."

Other projects in which VanDerhoff has taken part include:

- Improving and maintaining



Mark VanDerhoff

the grass and sprinkler system at the baseball field

- Building and donating a box and mat that is used to drag the infield
- Building and improving the bullpens
- A water trough for the football team
- Design and construction of pitching machines for the community softball program
- Served as field maintenance supervisor for district and state softball tournaments at Sundance Park

"No matter how many hours Mark would put in at work, you would find him at an event in the evening or on a weekend on the wrong end of a broom, rake or shovel," Williams told the board. "No complaints; just getting the job done."

High school athletic director David Hart echoed the sentiments of both Fulwood and Williams.

"Mr. VanDerhoff is truly a community-minded person who cares about his community, the school and especially the students," Hart said.

Marsing Resource Center to serve breakfast in Mtn. Home

The Marsing Resource Center will present an American Breakfast in Mountain Home on July 4 in conjunction with El-Wyhee Business Association.

The fund-raising breakfast will be held at Carl Miller Park. A \$6 donation is requested, and the meal includes ham, pancakes and eggs.

Other events surrounding the

breakfast include a wash-and-shine, Little Miss El-Wyhee Pageant for ages 4-8, Art in the Park and a kids and teen area.

McDonald's and United Metals will furnish free hot dogs, and donations will be sought for the Ronald McDonald House. Slices of pie also will be for sale.

A local four-wheel-drive club also will present a demonstration.

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday, Owyhee Reservoir was 61 percent full and that 252 cubic feet per second of water was being released into the Owyhee River at Nyssa, Ore. The reservoir held 434,728 acre-feet of water.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 9 a.m. Monday:

Reynolds Creek				
Date	Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
		Max.	Min.	Avg.
06/12	13.0	61	37	50
06/13	13.0	67	44	56
06/14	13.0	74	50	63
06/15	13.0	70	49	60
06/16	12.9	76	52	63
06/17	12.9	78	48	64
06/18	13.0	61	37	49

South Mountain				
Date	Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
		Max.	Min.	Avg.
06/12	28.4	63	39	51
06/13	28.3	68	48	57
06/14	28.3	72	53	62
06/15	28.3	69	50	58
06/16	28.3	74	54	63
06/17	28.3	76	47	63
06/18	28.3	59	37	48

Mud Flat				
Date	Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
		Max.	Min.	Avg.
06/12	11.6	71	34	55
06/13	11.6	76	40	61
06/14	11.6	80	46	65
06/15	11.6	78	51	64
06/16	11.6	84	45	67
06/17	11.6	87	50	69
06/18	11.5	65	44	55

Weather

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June 12	no reading taken		
June 13	82	47	.00
June 14	90	54	.00
June 15	84	49	.00
June 16	no reading taken		
June 17	no reading taken		
June 18	92	45	.00

E. Owyhee library starts summer reading

The children's summer reading program has hit high gear at the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View.

The reading program, "Get A Clue," began Thursday with an open house entitled, "Who Stole the Cookies."

Parents were able to fingerprint their children for home records, and other activities included dusting for fingerprints, lifting them and reading them. Other activities included fingerprint art, stories and poems.

The first night of fun is part of a series of Family Night activities that will feature detective and forensic work geared to help solve the mysteries and crimes outlined in the stories and book talks featured in the program.

The next activity will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and will cen-

ter on the art of digging up clues. Other Family Night dates are July 10, July 24, July 31 and Aug. 14. Each 2-hour open house will start at 6 p.m.

Library officials said a new Summer Reading Steering Committee has been beneficial in putting together activities and prizes for the program. Committee members include Sarah Pearson, Sarah Knight, Carleen Best and library trustee Barbara Lindquist.

The summer reading program has rewards for the participants. When children reach the reading goals recorded at the library at the start of the program, their names are entered into a prize drawing, which will take place at the end of summer.

Top prize is a DVD player donated by US Ecology, and the library has a DVD to complete the

package. Other prizes have been donated by Lindquist, Best, Willie Roby and Kathy Chick.

Call the library at (208) 834-2785 for more information on the summer program, including the themes for each Family Night.

In other developments at the library, the Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club and the Joel and Sarah Pearson Family recently helped fill the flower boxes at the library. The same group also donated several books to fit the summer reading program theme, too, including a book about spies.

The library also announced an anonymous gift of \$100 that will be used to buy adult books.

The library in Grand View will hold a Scholastic book fair through the end of the month. Books will be available for half-price.



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TXOKO ONA UNWRAPS ITS GEM

Basque center unveiling draws hundreds

Txoko Ona enjoyed a strong turnout last weekend as the Basque organization celebrated the dedication of its community center in Homedale.

"I don't think it could have been any better," club president John Lejardi said during Sunday's public celebration.

"We couldn't have asked for better weather. (The celebration) was more than my expectations."

Hundreds of people milled through the Basque center and its grounds during Sunday's program of song, dance and athletic feats.

Saturday's festivities, open only to members and invited guests, included a dinner of Basque cuisine and the blessing of the building and surrounding oak trees by San Francisco-based Basque chaplain Aita Tillous.

"Yesterday and today both was just a nice celebration," Lejardi said. "The Basque community here has generously donated its time and talent. The labor, equipment and financial support has all come together."

Sunday's public celebration featured Holy Mass, music and dancing, a sheepdog exhibition and athletic exhibitions such as weightlifting and weight carrying.

While Sunday's event was an opportunity for all aspects of the community to come enjoy the Basque culture, Saturday's festivities attracted Basque dignitaries from throughout Southwest Idaho.

Lejardi said different Basque communities from Boise, Ontario, Ore., Gooding and Mountain Home were represented at the dinner, which was attended by the president and treasure of the North American Basque Organizations.

Former Idaho Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa and his wife, Freda, attended Saturday's dinner. The Cenarrusas' foundation, which was formed to further the Basque culture, donated \$2,000 to Txoko Ona. Lejardi said the money will be used to put up flagpoles in front of the building on Main Street so the U.S. and Basque flags can be flown.

Lejardi stressed that the 180-family and 300-member Txoko Ona, and by extension its community center, is more than a building to serve the Basque community in Homedale.

"We're not a Homedale club," he said. "We're a club that has members in Arock, Jordan Valley, Nampa, Boise, Caldwell and Marsing."

And chances are people from each of those communities were on hand during Sunday's events.

After Holy Mass in the morning, folks settled on to the grassy knoll behind the center to enjoy a sheepdog exhibition from Lavon Calzacorta, music from Txantxangorriak and dancing from Herribatza Dantzariak and Oinkari Basque Dancers.

Members of Txantxangorriak gave a dance lesson to close out



Impressive turnout for Basque celebration

Txoko Ona president John Lejardi couldn't put a figure to how many non-Basque people came out to learn more about the culture during Sunday's public ceremony, but hundreds descended on the party.

its performance and set the stage for an impressive display of brute strength.

Jon Arrieta and John Vergara faced off in a weightlifting competition after the Txantxangorriak performance. Vergara was competing for the first time in Basque weightlifting, which requires hoisting heavy objects overhead. The first part of the exhibition was lifting a 227-pound metal cylinder. Arrieta lifted the object 12 times in the span of 2 minutes. Bergara pulled off 10 lifts.

The second part of the competition was lifting a stone block,

which weighed about 250 pounds. Both men lifted the block to their shoulders and back down with a technique that vaguely resembled the clean-and-jerk in weightlifting.

Later on, some festival-goers faced off in a txingas (pronounced "ching-us") competition. Several men from the audience took turns lugging heavy metal cans held at their sides. The cans weighed about 150 pounds each, and the men were required to carry the objects as far as they could while navigating two beer kegs that were placed 50 feet apart. Justin

Bicandi won the competition with a total distance of 480 feet, beating Jamey Egurrola by 55 feet.

Throughout the event, KTVB news anchor Ysabel Bilbao, whose maternal family hails from Arock, mentioned that the competitors would have a chance to do better "next time." While Lejardi said there are no plans to hold a festival next year, but he didn't dismiss the concept.

"It would be a nice way to share our culture with the community," he said. "It certainly is a nice thought."

— JPB



Music and muscle on display

Left: Accordionist Jake Murgoitio, an Albertson College of Idaho student and protégé of the late Jimmy Jausoro, accompanies the Herribatza Dantzariak during Sunday's festivities. **Right:** John Vergara strains as he lifts a 227-pound metal cylinder during a strength exhibition Sunday. This was Vergara's first competition, and he lifted the cylinder 10 times.



TXOKO ONA UNWRAPS ITS GEM



Pieces of heritage

Left: The sheep wagon employed by the Tortorica Sheep Co., was one of six sheep wagons from various eras on display. *Above:* One display case for the Uranga family inside the Basque center shows family photos. A second paid tribute to the men who served in the Armed Forces.



Music and dance take center stage

Left: Members of the Basque musical group Txantxangorriak performs in the early afternoon Sunday. *Above:* Members of Herribatza Dantzariak jump and twirl during their performance.



Preserving the culture

Left: Several sheep wagons were decorated to show how Basque shepherds lived on the range. This wagon featured a cast-iron cook stove at the entrance of the wagon. *Above:* Former Idaho Secretary of State Pete Cenarussa, left, at Saturday's dinner donated \$2,000 to Txoko Ona.

Martinat wins Nyssa
saddle bronc title

Avalanche Sports

State 4x4 group
enjoys Givens trails

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2007

Idaho Rally 2007

Californian wins inaugural event

Errors in judgment cause three
crashes; one driver briefly hospitalized
after Colyer Road mishap

by Brian Calkins

It took a veteran to win the first-time Idaho Rally 2007 race in Owyhee County on Saturday.

A team led by veteran driver Bruce Davis won the 12-stage event with a top overall time of 30 minutes, 33 seconds. Davis, a 30-year rally veteran from Sacramento, Calif., teamed with co-driver Jimmy Brandt. He drove a 2003 Dodge Neon SRT-4.

Race organizer Jens Schkade called Davis a "very consistent driver," and said that's what is "needed to win championships" and events.

Road rallies come in two types: Time-Speed-Distance rallies and Stage or Performance rallies like Idaho Rally 2007, which was held on roads near Grand View and Bruneau.

The time-speed-distance rallies are conducted on roads that are not closed down to the public and are run at speeds at or lower than the legal speed limits. A driver and navigator work together to make it to the final checkpoint at an exact predetermined time that is unknown to the competitors. The team that arrives at the final checkpoint at the closest to the set time is the winner.

Stage rallies are conducted on short stretches of roads (stages) that are temporarily closed to public use. The cars race against the clock and not against each other. They are sent out at 1-minute intervals to avoid contact with competitors.

The cars are traveling flat-out and the navigator or co-driver is there to assist the driver to stay on the course. Good communication and trust is essential as the co-driver's course notes are all that keep the driver from wrecking the car at some parts of the course where visibility is limited.

Sometimes the condition of the course can change, and that's when things get interesting. On an asphalt layout where a previous team may unintentionally kick up some gravel on the course and cause a following team to lose traction. Sometimes course notes may not be accurate enough or a driver may make a misjudgment such as at the crest of a slight hill with a sharp turn close afterward.

Drivers made errors on the undulating roads of Idaho Rally 2007 three times Saturday.

While the 11 teams were

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Tumble doesn't cost third-place team

The Colorado team of driver James Bolin and navigator Sunny Caughman found the going a little rough Saturday. **Above:** Bolin steers the 1991 Mitsubishi Eclipse back on course. **Left:** The race car received minor damage when Bolin dumped the car off a shoulder. The pair still managed to finish third. Photos by Brian Calkins

Rally's organization impresses veterans of sport

by Brian Calkins

For the first time ever a road rally was organized in Idaho, and it is fitting that it should be in Idaho's largest county — Owyhee.

Grand View resident Jens Schkade has been a spectator at several rallies in his native Germany.

When he married his wife, Rae Lynn, and moved to Grand View a few years ago, he wanted to get a rally organized that would be "small, national event." With the help of his wife and family and the assistance of rally organizers from such national organizations as Rim of the World Rally and National Auto Sport Association's rally division (NASA Rally Sport), Schkade brought his dream to life with Saturday's Idaho Rally 2007.

In addition to NASA Rally

Sport and Rim of the World Rally, Jens Schkade had help from several volunteers from local car clubs, friends and others who just heard about it and signed up to be course workers.

Billy Brede and Justin Brown, members of the Boise chapter of the Freaks of Nature car club, were two of the volunteers.

"We're willing to go to any event and help out," Brown said.

In addition to course workers, whose main job was to help close down side roads for safety purposes when each stage roared through a designated area, other help came from the county itself.

Two ambulances were available at different times during the event. Grand View Ambulance

— See *Rally*, page 17



Steady performance nets trophy

The 2003 Dodge Neon SRT-4 driven by Bruce Davis of Sacramento, Calif., cruises along the paved course during Saturday's Idaho Rally 2007. Davis and co-pilot Jimmy Brandt turned in the best time in the 12-stage event. Photo by Brian Calkins

Owyhee folks wrap up college rodeo participation

Three competitors with Owyhee County ties completed their college rodeo seasons at the College National Finals Rodeo, which wrapped up Saturday in Wyoming.

All three competitors were sophomores at Treasure Valley Community College and hailed from the Homedale-Marsing area.

Scott Roeser of Marsing and former Homedale resident Brady Black combined to finish 35th in team roping. The pair had just one scoring run, a 9-second effort in the second go-round.

Roeser is majoring in Ranch Management, while Black, who now lives in Weiser, has declared a Business major.

Homedale High School graduate Gloria King competed in two events at the CNFR. She rallied to finish 42nd in barrel racing with a total time of 55.22. Her best time came in the third go-round at 14.85.

King was 36th in breakaway roping, collecting the 14th-fastest time (3.6 seconds) in the third go after failing to pick up scores in the first two sessions. King is majoring in Elementary Education.

The rodeo began June 10 in Casper.

✓ Event: Crashes trigger alteration of course during day

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individually nearing the end of Stage 5 (a stretch of Colyer Road near Bruneau), a crest of a hill followed by a sharp left-hand turn sent three racers off-course.

“Off course” is a kind term used by rally racing enthusiasts to say competitors wrecked their cars.

Three cars were damaged so badly that the teams couldn’t make the repairs in time to return to action. Each team received a DNF (did not finish) for the event.

The wrecks forced race organizers to cut the race to 12 stages, eliminating three legs that would have taken drivers over that same stretch of Colyer Road again.

Driver Chris Blakely was temporarily hospitalized with broken ribs and a few bruises. The others were a little sore but able

Idaho Rally results		
Driver/co-driver	Car	Time
1. Davis/Brandt	Dodge Neon	30:20
2. Sutherland/McConnell	Ford Escort	30:50
3. Bolin/Caughman	Mitsubishi Eclipse	30:53
4. Kern/Kakata	Mazda 323 GTX	31:01
5. Lyden/Hansen	Subaru Impreza	31:52
6. Walsh/Price	Subaru Impreza	34:58
7. Barker/Stoliker	Subaru Impreza	35:06
8. Gottlieb/Rustigan	Toyota FX-16 GTS	36:25
R. Crawford/L. Crawford	Nissan Sentra	DNF
C. Blakely/B. Blakely	Volkswagen GTI	DNF
Pinter/Rice	Subaru 2.5 RS	DNF

to function. Driver Ron Crawford returned to the service area to pick up his trailer and retrieve his damaged car from the course.

Andrew Sutherland, who traveled from Los Angeles to Idaho for the event, had the second-fastest time — and he was driving a borrowed car, no less. Sutherland’s co-driver was Boise schoolteacher Josh McConnell. McConnell is a friend of Sutherland and had never been in a race car before

He said it was “the scariest thing I’ve ever done.”

The Colorado team of James Bolin and Sunny Caughman finished third in their first-ever rally and first time racing on a paved course. The pair had raced hill climbs in the Colorado Hill Climb Association for the last 2½ years and wanted to try a tarmac rally.

Idaho Rally 2007 is the only all-tarmac (asphalt) rally west of the Mississippi.

Bolin and Caughman were in first place until they went off-course during Stage 10. Two minutes later, they were back on course but the damage was done to their lead. Their overall time was within 40 seconds of the leader.

Jens Schkade, the promoter for Idaho Rally 2007, referred to Bolin as a “full-bore guy with a smooth but radical driving style.”

Martinat nails Nyssa rodeo title

Homedale High School graduate Bryan Martinat stole the show last weekend during the Nyssa Night Rodeo in Oregon.

Martinat cleared the field by five points to win the saddle bronc championship with a score of 81. He took home \$315.88 for his troubles.

Adrian’s Nathan Bayes split second- and third-place money in bareback.

Homedale’s Cody Echevarria was second to Jason Miller in steer wrestling. Miller won nearly \$400 with a time of 5.0, while Echevarria was second with a 5.2 for more than \$330.

Another Homedale product, Kalon Lord, finished first in novice saddle bronc.

✓ Rally: Volunteers, emergency personnel pull together

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and Bruneau Quick Response Unit provided an ambulance and several emergency medical technicians —up to 20 at one point.

A Grand View Fire unit was on standby during refueling at the Rimrock High School parking lot, which served as the pit area for the rally’s competitors.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office provided a couple vehicles and a handful of deputies. According to Owyhee County Marine Deputy Rick Wiley schedules were shifted so assistance could be given to the event without any overtime needed.

In addition, Wiley said that “so far we’ve had good cooperation from the residents.”

The most time-consuming part of organizing a rally of this type is getting the permits for use of the roads. Schkade said that he started to organize this event about a year ago.

First, he had to pick the roads and lay out a course and then talk to the residents and make sure they were receptive to the event. He also had to choose a time during the year when a temporary road closure would impact the fewest people.

He had to consider factors such as heat and cold, hunters and agriculture operations. Only then could he write a proposal and put in a petition to the county commissioners.



Valley schoolteacher finishes second

The Ford Escort driven by Andrew Southerland of Los Angeles, whose co-pilot was Boise schoolteacher Josh McConnell, flies around the corner at Blacksands and River roads during Saturday’s Idaho Rally 2007. Southerland recruited his friend, McConnell, for the race, and the team finished second. Photo by Brian Calkins

The petition went to the commissioners in November and the resolution was not drawn up until May. Schkade said that obtaining the permits was the longest part of the process.

Overall, Schkade said that he was pleased and that it was a “really good event.” He was determined to make this event a good one and said that above

all he “did not want to lack on performance.” That’s why he had a really experienced scoring team at the rally such as Rae and Donna Hocker and Mike and Paula Gibeault of Rim of the World Rally.

Paula Gibeault said she has “never seen a first-time organizer do so much.” Donna Hocker agreed, saying he did a “great job as a first-time organizer.”

When asked what he would like to change for next year’s rally, Schkade said that he would “probably improve the quality of the roads and make them more challenging.”

“I don’t think a lot of people realize that this is a tremendous breakthrough for Idaho” in motorsports, Schkade said.

Trojans team holds run/walk

A fun run/walk to benefit the Homedale High School cross country program will be held June 30 at Homedale Middle School.

Trojans coach Nick Schamber said runners ages 12 and older can compete in a 5-kilometer (3-mile) run/walk for \$5. Children 11 and younger can run the 2.5-kilometer (1.5-mile) run/walk for \$3.

The race starts at 8 a.m. at the middle school.

For more information, call 337-3574.

Homedale wins district softball

A Homedale 14U softball team won the district championship in dramatic fashion last week in Kuna.

The team coached by Roger Westergard beat Kuna, 11-10, in the bottom of the seventh inning late Friday night to complete a four-game winning streak and grab the title.

Homedale won the championship game after its base runner survived a collision at home plate.

Westergard’s squad lost its tourney opener earlier in the week and then beat another Homedale squad to start its run to the championship.

Idaho 4x4ers take to trails near Givens

by Brian Calkins

The Idaho State 4x4 Association held its annual Fun Run at Givens Hot Springs last weekend.

The three-day event was held Friday, Saturday and Sunday as more than 100 four-wheeling enthusiasts and their families explored some of the scenic beauty of Owyhee County.

Each year, the Fun Run is scheduled at a different part of the state. Enthusiasts camped at sites around Givens beginning Friday night.

Several activities were planned in addition to the 4-wheeling, including swimming for the families. A raffle featuring prizes donated by local members and businesses also was held. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the association's lobbying efforts and helps assist the Bureau of Land Management with trail cleanup.

Association members also enjoyed a barbecue and potluck dinner.

Four-wheeling activities for the weekend included some trail rides with trails divided in to three categories: Scenic, Hard and Extreme. The Scenic trail included Joyce Ranch road, Tiddie Springs

and Silver City. Only modified vehicles were allowed on the hard and extreme trails.

The Idaho State 4x4 Association is comprised of several Idaho 4x4 clubs that band together to promote responsible use of public land.

"What we're all about is to promote four-wheeling with sound principles of conservation and to keep public lands for the people," association vice-president Scott Johnson said.

Some of the principles laid out in the association's bylaws include:

- No alcoholic beverages prior to or during an event
- All trash to be hauled out and disposed of properly
- No littering; not even a cigarette butt or a gum wrapper
- No firearms
- All pets under control at all times
- Stay on marked trails.
- It is the responsibility of all to uphold the good name of Idaho State 4x4 Association and its participants.

For more information on this family-oriented organization and its events, log on to www.idahostate4x4association.com.



Broncos train Trojans cheerleaders

Above: One of four Boise State University cheer team members leaps in the air to punctuate a routine the Broncos taught to Homedale High School's cheer squad last week inside the junior high school gymnasium. **Below:** The BSU cheerleaders spent two days helping Homedale's squad polish its cheers.

Cheerleaders teach a little, learn a lot

Homedale squad plans youth camp next week

Homedale High School's cheerleading team got an early jump on preparing for the next season last week with a clinic presented by Boise State University cheerleaders.

Four current and former members of the BSU cheer squad led the Trojans cheerleading squad through cheers and choreography



during a two-day event inside the old junior high school gym.

Cheers could be heard echoing out toward East Idaho Avenue from the open doors facing Homedale's main drag.

The Homedale cheerleaders taking part in the clinic included Aimee Steinmetz, Alden Juarez, Angie Cuellar, Jennifer Dixon, Chelsea Troxell, Kindra Eidemiller, Cassie Arthur, Jessica Henry, Beth Davis and Shawnee Davis.

BSU cheerleaders Kerri Dunn, Erin Lammers and Ashley Newhouse helped with the clinic. Scott Donnell, a former four-year member of the Broncos cheer

squad who now coaches at Eagle High School, also helped teach the Homedale cheerleaders.

The Homedale cheer squad and new advisor Karolyn Munster will sponsor a summer cheer camp next Wednesday through June 29. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The cost is \$50, and the registration deadline is Saturday.

The entry packet includes a T-shirt, pompoms, snack and a mini competition on the night of June 29.

For more information, call 337-3502 or e-mail ddixon222@msn.com.

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Homedale holds annual summer hoops tournament

Homedale High School played host to a one-day summer basketball marathon Friday as area schools sent varsity and junior varsity teams to do battle. Homedale was joined by Marsing, Payette, Weiser, New Plymouth, Melba, Parma, Liberty Charter, Cole Valley Christian, Nyssa, Ore., and Vale, Ore., in the varsity bracket. The JV tournament included two Homedale squads, Marsing, Parma, Cole Valley, New Plymouth and Melba. **Top:** A Marsing varsity player takes a foul after trying to shoot over a Payette defender inside the main gym. **Right:** A Homedale junior varsity player looks to pass inside against at Parma athlete during a game played inside the junior high school gymnasium.



CJ Strike fishing report

by Idaho Fish and Game
C.J. Strike Reservoir holds on as the hot spot in the region. Yellow perch numbers and sizes are outstanding. The same holds true for bluegill up to at least the 14-ounce range-trophy-sized for Idaho. Yellow perch already have headed deep; target depths of 15 to 30 feet in

the main pool. For bluegill, look for flooded brush and fish as tight to the brush as possible. Crappie fishing also has been good, although most of the fish are in the 7- to 9-inch range, with a few larger fish coming in. The future for crappie fishing at CJ Strike looks bright indeed.

Rehab Authority sports physicals to benefit schools

Rehab Authority officials announced last week that their Homedale clinic will offer sports physicals for school athletes on Aug. 1. Physicals will be given from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Homedale clinic, 134 E. Idaho Ave., and all proceeds will benefit whichever school the athlete will play for. The examinations, which will be conducted by both medical

doctors and physical therapists, are open to all high school and middle school athletes. The cost is \$20, and all proceeds will go directly to child’s school. Schools participating in the event include Homedale, Marsing, Adrian, Greenleaf Friends Academy and Wilder. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 337-3254.

Turkey federation plans clay shoot for women

The 4Rivers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host its second annual sporting clay shoot July 14 in Homedale. The shoot will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Idaho Sporting Clays. The event is open to women ages 14 and older who want to gain hands-on experience, develop skills in outdoor activities and meet people with similar interests. There will be 12- and 20-gauge shotguns available, but participants are encouraged to bring their own weapons. Registration is \$50 per person, or

there is a mother-daughter special for \$90. The fee includes 50 clay targets, eye and ear protection, 12- or 20-gauge ammunition and shotguns, lunch, a one-year membership or extension of a current membership in Women in the Outdoors and subscription to a quarterly magazine. Registrations received by July 1 will be entered into an early-bird drawing. For more information, contact Sandy Smallwood at (541) 372-5418 or ssmall4rivers@hotmail.com, or visit the Women in the Outdoors Web site at www.womenintheoutdoors.org.

Life’s milestones

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes any news of engagements, weddings and births or announcements of significant birthdays or anniversaries. Photos are accepted, too. Announcements must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week before publication.

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Call (208) 337-4681 for more information on guidelines, including e-mailed photos.

Fish and Game

Kids, sponsors, volunteers make Breshears Day big success

by Craig Mickelson
More than 250 local youth between the ages of 6 and 12 had a ball at the Leroy Breshears Memorial Fishing Day in May. This event is for young kids to learn to fish and hopefully bring home a fresh rainbow trout from the pond.

The Marsing Island Park pond was stocked with fish a few days before the event. This fishing day is in honor of Leroy Breshears, a sportsman and longtime hunter education instructor with the Idaho Fish and Game in the Marsing area. Leroy was a dedicated Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse member, family man, and an advocate for the youth of our community being involved in hunting and fishing.

The event also gives kids a positive experience with law enforcement. Members of Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse and Idaho Fish and Game helped organize and run this event.

Idaho Fish and Game reservists registered each kid. The children were given a rod and reel of their choice to use for the day. More than 172 rods and reels were loaned out for the day from the Owyhee Sheriff's Office and Idaho Fish and Game. This gave first-time anglers the chance to borrow a rod and reel and turn it



Hooking into family fun

Marsing residents, from left to right, Jordan Barker, 12, Miranda Barker, 10, and Sydney Barker, 8, caught their fish using worms. Submitted photo

in after a few hours of fishing.

Owyhee County Posse members handed out worms, marshmallows and PowerBait at the registration table as well. John Cossel helped out on the public-address system and helped keep the event rolling through the day. Volunteers and officers walked the banks of the pond, offering advice and assistance in untangling lines caught in trees and onshore. Volunteers also helped kids get fish off the hooks after they were reeled in.

A highlight of the day was a visit and landing by a LifeFlight helicopter from Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. The

helicopter landed at the park to give the kids a chance to see a working helicopter, and the crew answered questions. After approximately 20 minutes on the ground, though, the helicopter had to respond to a vehicle accident so the kids and adults were quickly moved away from the landing zone before the helicopter took flight back to Boise. Children watched in awe as the helicopter cleared the trees and flew to Boise.

Children at the event also enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs, chips, soda pop and ice cream bars. Caba's Restaurant hauled in its large grill and cooked up hot dogs for lunch. The hot dogs were donated by Snake River Mart. Sodas were provided by Nagel Beverage, and a variety of chips were provided by Frito-Lay.

Breshears contributors
The following volunteers and contributors made the 8th annual Leroy Breshears Fishing Day a success.

Diamond contributors (\$500 and more) — City of Marsing; Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse

Platinum contributors (\$300 to \$499) — US Ecology

Gold contributors (\$200 to \$299) — Grand View Commercial Tire

Silver contributors (\$100 to \$199) — Marsing American Legion Post 128; Desert High Real Estate; Homedale Chiropractic; Marsing Hardware; Owyhee Avalanche; Sandbar Restaurant; Y Bar

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Darigold supplied the ice cream bars and the ION Truck Plaza donated the ice for the beverages. Fishing tackle and bait were donated by Dan's Ferry Service, Snake River Mart and Howard's Tackle Shoppe in Nampa.

Many of the kids that attended the event caught trout and had a great time meeting with

officers. This event could not have happened without the help and energy of reservists, officers, posse members and volunteers. Thanks for your help.

— Craig Mickelson is the senior conservation officer in Homedale and Marsing for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Southwest Region office.

ATV group scours landscape for trash

Thirteen members of the Idaho ATV Association picked up two pickup loads of beer cans, plastic water bottles, diapers and other junk left by trail riders, and campers around the Hewlett Reservoir and Upper Sinker Creek last week.

The group received clearance from local rancher Paul Nettleton to go onto his property and pick up some trash, too.

The greatest number of beer cans was from the Keystone brand, with Coors being the second-most prevalent brand of

discarded cans.

The group piled orange garbage bags on the side of Silver City Road at the end of the pavement. Nettleton hauled the bags off later in the week, according to Bill Jones, a member of the Owyhee County Off-Highway Vehicle Task Force and the Idaho ATV Association.

Among the junk left behind was a 1969 Kawasaki motorcycle that had been stuck in the brush. The bike was left at the Diamond Corral, where the rightful owner can claim it.



Group spends productive day beautifying Owyhee

A handful of members from the Idaho ATV Association worked diligently last week to pick up two truckloads of assorted trash left behind by trail riders and campers around Hewlett Reservoir and Upper Sinker Creek. The cleanup crew even went on private land to collect trash, including beer cans, plastic bottles, diapers and a 1969 Kawasaki motorcycle. Submitted photos

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Cows and goats

Vicki asked if I’d ever run any goats. None, I said. We don’t have the right fence. Matter of fact, in Arizona we work on one of the lower investment management principles, the “*illusion of a fence.*”

It seems to work good on my cows. I inherited lots of old fence and corrals along with the cows I bought. Cows walk up to a two-strand bob wire fence with one willer stay and then confer, “Whoa back, Bessie, I believe this is our perimeter. We can not advance further!”

“What ya mean we can’t advance further! We could walk under that water gap carrying the Mexican flag and juggling avocados.”

“No, no Bessie, not here in Arizona. If it looks like a fence, it is one. Therefore, we can’t go through it.”

“Well, if you say so, but back in Wyoming, this here fence wouldn’t even cause a bevy of tumbleweeds to break their step!”

If a goat were overhearing this conversation, he would be dumbfounded! In San Angelo, the country is covered with miles and miles of net wire fence. It’s tight, with good posts and is well-maintained. It is necessary because as they say, “A goat can go anywhere coal oil can!”

I guess my cows lack ingenuity. They will eat mesquite beans out of a tree head high, but no higher. A goat will stand on his hind legs and graze. I can’t ever remember my cows standing upright or even placing their front feet on the cow in front of them to reach higher. You’d have thought that somewhere in the evolution of the cow, a bull in breeding season would have noticed that there are times in his daily routine when he is actually 3 feet taller! But apparently he’s too occupied to look around.

Now that I’m thinking about it, why not therapeutic high-heeled insteps for cows! Each hoof could be fitted with 3- to 4-inch cloven cow shoes. It would increase their available mesquite bean forage by 4 feet (48 inches divided by 4 inches equals a 12 percent increase!)

I discussed this with a group of local goats who agreed on the cows’ inability to improvise. “They are so bovine, so dense, so plodding.” said the Secretary of Goats. “They are stopped by chicken wire and ocotillo sticks. I’ve never seen anything like it. My gosh, they don’t even have prehensile lips!

“...And about your idea of wearing artificial shoes to make cows taller, don’t even think about it for us. Before we’d wear special goat shoes, we’d learn to climb trees, develop the opposable thumb and become computer literate. We could do it, too! Lesser species of animals have. Just look at you!”

I stared back at the goat, overwhelmed by his logic, switched my cud to the other side and commenced to meditate.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*

If you’re late, you’re on your own



Monday, March 26. We’re up at 5:45 a.m. As in almost all previous hotels there are no washcloths! There also is a bidet that I cannot comprehend using. The heated towel rack is handy for drying t-shirts washed out the previous night.

Back in Venice, a water taxi drops us off at the Piazza San Marcos — the area we visited the previous day. We line up outside the Basilica de San Marcos. We’re one of the first groups inside the church when it opens. Waiting beside us is a big group of students. It’s the beginning of spring break for Italian schools. These kids are just the advance guard of a crush of teens we’ll encounter during the next two days. And this is the slow period of the Italian tourist season.

Construction on the Basilica San Marcos began in 1063 and wasn’t finished until 1096 — nearly 400 years before Columbus discovered the New World. The guide tells us St. Marks is very ornate because the wealthy merchants of Venice wanted to impress visitors and coughed up lots of money. In those days, cities were rated by the size and splendor of their churches. To me, the most fascinating thing about the church is that 1,000 years ago they could build stuff this big. The interior is big-time gaudy.

After the church tour we go to the nearby showroom of the Murano Company, famous for hand-blown glass, a Venice specialty. In the entrance is an awesome full-sized horse made of green glass. We watch a glass-blowing demonstration. Our company-provided guide explains that it takes glass blowers about seven years to perfect their skills. He says he did it for five years then decided it would be easier to be a tour guide. He says it only took two months to learn English.

We hear a sales pitch for the glassware and end up shucking out some Euros for vases for our three darling daughters back home. They better enjoy the vases as that’s all they are gonna get given the value of the dollar in Europe.

Outside the glass works, the six members of our family group head off on our own through the Venice alley maze in search of the Rialto Bridge. The bridge, covered with shops, spans the Grand Canal. As a crow flies, it’s a little about a half-mile from the Piazza San Marcos to the bridge. But we can’t fly and via the twisting alleys packed with people, the distance is a least twice as far.

We only stay at the bridge long enough to snap a few pictures, then head back toward the Piazza San Marcos. We stop at a small shop along the way and order sandwiches, which, like all Italian sandwiches, are very good. The lady at the counter knows about as much English as we do Italian but she’s friendly, and we point and stumble through our orders and smile and say “grazie” a lot, and everyone gets along famously. Several members of our group save room for a dessert called “gelato,” which they say is delicious. Apparently calling it gelato instead of “ice cream” improves the flavor.

We’re running late and make it to the pier as the water taxis are preparing to depart. Our tour is on a tight timetable and our guide constantly warns us that if we aren’t at the appointed place at the designated time, we’ll be trying to figure out how to get to the next stop on our own. The bus waits for no one. A South African couple leaps aboard just as the taxi pulls out. They have run nearly all the way from Rialto Bridge and are soaked with sweat.

Back on the bus we head southwest across the top of the Italian “Boot” towards the city that epitomizes the Italian Renaissance. We’ll be in Florence by dinnertime.

From Washington Parents must be in the know online

by Sen. Mike Crapo

“YT? TOY”
“Hi”
“Q. Can we MIRL?”
“IDK...”
“RUOK? ... I think ILU”
“P911!”
“OK...B4N”

Even 10 years ago, deciphering the language that children and teens used came down to figuring out what new words described old feelings, objects and situations. What was “cool” in the 1970s, “rad” in the ’80s, and “sweet” in the ’90s is “phat” today. Now, with the widespread use of text messaging on cell phones or computers, parents must also decipher acronyms that look more like secret code than the spoken or written word. Some, like “CD9” (Code 9: parents nearby), are not clearly evident from the acronyms. And, with the growing prevalence of online sexual predation, parents must familiarize themselves with this electronic “language.”

If you are a parent, do you know enough about Instant Messaging (IM) language to know that the IM exchange printed above could very well be a sexual predator attempting to get your child to meet in person? In “English,” this is the exchange:

“You there? Thinking of you.”
“Hi”
“Question: Can we meet in real life?”
“I don’t know...”
“Are you OK?...I think I love you.”
“My parents are in the room!”

“Ok. Goodbye for now.”

The United States Senate declared June 2007: “National Internet Safety Month.” As the Internet reaches more people, awareness and prevention of Internet crimes are paramount. Statistics show that 35 million children from kindergarten to grade 12 have Internet access. One in seven youth ages 10 to 17 received a sexual solicitation over the Internet. It’s imperative that children, teens and parents realize and prepare for dangers that exist online.

iSafe, one of the largest national organizations dedicated to educating children about and protecting children from Internet predation, has been responsible for training 23,000 Idaho children over the past five years. It surveyed Idaho children and, among other things, found that:

- While 88 percent of students said they spent at least one hour a week on the Internet, 16 percent said it was 10 hours or more.
- 18 percent open e-mails from strangers.
- 26 percent admitted to saying mean or hurtful things on the Internet to others.
- 19 percent tell their parents nothing about their “online only” friends.
- 25 percent of students report that they would classify someone they only knew from the Internet and spoke to frequently online who seems to share the same interests, understand them and shares laughs and personal secrets as a “very good friend” or a “good friend.”
- 8 percent of students report that someone they met online has asked them to keep that friendship a secret.

This is chilling to say the least.

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Commentary

Accuracy In Media

Bush’s ambitions sow seeds of America’s demise

by Cliff Kincaid

It looks like Al Gore did win the 2000 presidential election after all.

With most of the media attention focused on the collapse of the Bush-backed Senate immigration bill, the American people are not being told the complete story of how the president sold out American interests at the G-8 meeting in Germany. Assuming legislative powers that properly belong to Congress under the U.S. Constitution, Bush committed the U.S. to drastically reducing CO2 emissions. It’s unclear whether these reductions will be accomplished through increased regulations or higher taxes. But the document agreed to by Bush specifically refers to “fees or taxes” as an option. Bush, once known as a tax-cutter, apparently now wants to go down in history as a tax-raiser for the cause of arresting climate change.

Paragraph 42 of one of the G-8 documents, “Growth and Responsibility in the World Economy,” declares that “we are committed to the further development of an international regime to combat climate change...” It goes on to say this will be accomplished through the run-up to the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Indonesia at the end of this year. The reference to “fees or taxes” is in paragraph 55, on how the private sector is to be prodded to comply with government dictates.

This means that Bush, who refused to support or seek ratification of the U.N.’s global warming treaty, known as the Kyoto Protocol, is now officially on record in favor of a new and much tougher agreement. It’s not clear that this new agreement will be submitted to the U.S. Senate as a treaty. Bush may try to implement the changes on his own, perhaps through executive order and executive action, before he leaves office. He might see this as part of his “legacy.”

The U.N. connection

The document (paragraph 52) says that “We acknowledge that the U.N. climate process is the appropriate forum for negotiating future action on climate change” and that the goal is to achieve a “comprehensive post-2012 agreement (post-Kyoto agreement) that should include all major emitters.”

It will be interesting to watch Tony Snow spin all of this to what’s left of Bush’s conservative base.

The document also includes some provisions that are hilarious, but not intentionally so. It says, for example, that the U.S. and other nations support the “U.N. Convention Against Corruption.” Isn’t there something strange about a corrupt organization sponsoring a treaty against corruption? On the other hand, this is the same group that wants a treaty against terrorism but can’t agree on the definition of the term.

Many pages of the G-8 document are devoted to spending more money on HIV/AIDS, especially in Africa. This is another area in which Bush seems determined to leave a “legacy.” Just before the G-8 meeting, he held a press conference to announce his desire to double America’s commitment to fight global HIV/AIDS.

AIDS drugs can kill

It all sounds compassionate, except for the fact that the anti-AIDS drugs continue to be controversial and their safety and effectiveness are being seriously questioned.

Dr. Jonathan M. Fishbein, who supervised AIDS research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), blew the whistle on trials of anti-AIDS drugs in Uganda that were seriously flawed. Fishbein said the drugs had dangerous side-effects, including liver problems and fatal rashes, but that the NIH

“knowingly and cunningly” covered them up.

What’s more, Fishbein said the NIH supported the president’s public endorsement of one of these drugs, nevirapine, in 2002, knowing that it was not safe. Fishbein was forced out of his job for telling the truth.

An audit from December by the Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) of the president’s AIDS program found that recordkeeping was sloppy and that results, if any, could not be monitored or verified. About \$200 billion has been spent by the U.S. Government on HIV/AIDS. Bush wants to spend billions of more dollars.

Bush continues this Gore-like crusade to be the savior of the world despite the fact that his one early bow to the U.N., by rejoining UNESCO, blew up in his face.

You may recall that President Reagan pulled the U.S. out of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on the grounds that it was corrupt. But Bush wanted the U.S. to rejoin it. The Congress agreed, voting to pay the agency \$60 million in annual “dues.” UNESCO repaid U.S. generosity by passing the so-called Convention on Cultural Diversity, a treaty vigorously opposed by the U.S. Peter Smith, the highest ranking American at UNESCO, was driven out of the organization in March because of charges of corruption. Smith said he tried to reform the organization and got a death threat.

Meanwhile, one of the Bush daughters, Jenna, joined a UNICEF program in Paraguay.

The U.N. Children’s Fund, which always has been controversial because of its pro-abortion advocacy, has just issued a statement commending a new initiative by the U.N.-backed drug-purchasing consortium, UNITAID, which is buying controversial anti-AIDS drugs for Africa with the help of Bill Clinton’s foundation. Some of the money is being raised through “solidarity contributions” in the form of an international airline tax.

There is no word yet from the G-8 on whether Bush is going to publicly endorse these kinds of global taxes. But perhaps Bush can join his father in singing accolades for Clinton. That seems to be the track he’s on.

Law of the Sea

Unfortunately, it figures to get worse. Bush is also pressing the Senate to ratify the Law of the Sea Treaty, which gives the U.N. jurisdiction over the high seas and includes a provision for a global tax (or fee) in order to exploit ocean resources. Some think Bush sees passage of this treaty as another part of his “legacy.”

It is a major story how the Bush administration is turning out. Recall that Bush gave the U.N. a chance to figure out the Iraq problem, but when the organization failed to directly authorize military action, Bush decided to take that action on his own. At the same time, Bush rejected the U.N.’s global warming and International Criminal Court treaties and pulled the U.S. out of the ABM treaty with Russia. It appeared that he was determined to pursue the U.S. national interest in foreign affairs.

Lately, however, he seems determined to accommodate the “international community” at every turn, committing the U.S. to international agreements and actions that should be approved and scrutinized by Congress first. That includes the Security and Prosperity Partnership, the federal scheme to bring the U.S., Canada and Mexico together in a trilateral entity. An after-the-fact endorsement of this scheme was inserted into the Senate immigration bill by parties unknown.

Dismembering Serbia

On June 10, Bush appeared in Albania, where a street has been named after him, and he was awarded the Order of the National Flag, the highest decoration granted to foreigners by Albania. The people cheered because Bush has signed on to a U.N. scheme to dismember a sovereign state, Serbia, and hand over its province of Kosovo to Albanian nationalists and Muslim separatists. Ethnic Albanians became a majority in Kosovo in the same way that Mexicans have assumed political power and influence in much of the American southwest.

What Bush is doing is laying the groundwork for more conflict and upheaval in the world. Stories have already been written about rebels and separatists in various parts of the world who will be looking to Kosovo as inspiration for their cause. Never before in history has the U.N. presided over the deliberate destruction of a sovereign state. Kosovo represents the religious heritage of Serbia’s Christians, and many Christian churches have already been destroyed by Muslim extremists there. Taking Kosovo from Serbia is comparable to taking Jerusalem from Israel.

Yet the U.S. is supporting the U.N. scheme to make Kosovo an independent Muslim state in Europe.

Of course, it doesn’t make any sense on many levels. The U.S. fights Muslim extremists in one place, Iraq, but rewards them in another place, Kosovo. When the terrorists in Iraq are being openly assisted by outside hostile states like Iran and Syria, and the U.S. does virtually nothing to stop them, how much confidence can we have in the “new” Bush, as opposed to the one of a few years ago who was determined to win in this critical country? Is Bush’s Iraq “legacy” going to be to leave this problem (and defeat) for his successor? And is this why he has put so much political capital in the immigration bill and other U.N.-backed proposals? Is this what he views as his new “legacy?” One has to conclude that it is.

Kosovo in America

But the implications of the Albanian visit and the Kosovo policy are truly ominous. If ethnic Albanians can take Kosovo from Serbia, then Mexico can take the Southwest from the U.S., making it part of Mexico or making it into a state or region of its own, separate from the U.S. Indeed, there is a plan to do just that. Bush apparently doesn’t fear this possibility because he sees Mexico joining Canada and the U.S. in some kind of ultimate trilateral entity. In this kind of world, there would be a common identity card and people would be free to travel anywhere.

What Bush is doing is laying the foundation for the ultimate destruction of the United States.

What We Must Do

Bush missed a few of the G-8 meetings because of a stomach ache. The G-8 results and his visit to Albania should leave many Americans with a very sick feeling. Those who are committed to American sovereignty must deny Bush his “legacy.” Our survival as a nation depends on it.

If Bush goes down in history as the Republican Jimmy Carter, so be it. That’s far better than leaving our borders and sovereignty in ruins. The borders of Iraq matter, too, but it is not clear that Bush has the will to win that war, either.

All of this leaves 2008 Republican presidential candidates in a quandary. All they can do, realistically speaking, as Rep. Tom Tancredo did forcefully at the last debate, is distance themselves from the president. Their patriotism has to come before their president.

√ Online: Sobering facts reveal real dangers to children in cyberspace

From previous page

Efforts are underway in Idaho and seven other states to decrease the threat of online sexual predation. In May, eight states, including Idaho, sent a letter to the online social networking site, MySpace, asking that it turn over the information of known sex offenders who use the site. MySpace has agreed to this request. I applaud these efforts

which will help safeguard our children’s Internet use, but also reiterate that parents are absolutely the first line of defense.

While the Internet has become largely indispensable for many business, consumer and research transactions, it’s also a haven for those who would do terrible psychological and physical harm to our children. Parents must take the

initiative to educate themselves about their children’s online activities, in the same way that they stay informed about their children’s activities outside the home. For more information, go to my Web site: <http://crapo.senate.gov> and click on the “June is Internet Safety Month” link from the homepage.

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

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 16, 1982

City offers extension to Hill’s franchise

A four-month extension of the garbage collection contract was agreed to by the Homedale City Council and Marvin Hill, during the regular monthly meeting last Wednesday night.

The city proposed the contract extension, to give the council time to draft a mandatory garbage pick-up ordinance.

The only change to the old contract, which expired May 31, is an increase in residential rates from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per month.

The council voted unanimously to have city attorney Gary Morgan draw up a mandatory garbage collection ordinance.

Printer blames state, state blames county

An error on the North Marsing precinct ballot for the primary election has made headlines in two area daily newspapers, and has caused concern among Owyhee County officials.

The ballot listed only two candidates for the GOP nomination of district 12 Representative, instead of three running. The error was discovered while Owyhee County Clerk Barbara Jayo was reporting results to the Owyhee Chronicle about midnight, May 25, four hours after the polls closed.

Candidate Charles McHugh was not listed on the ballot, but his contenders, Bruce Peirson and Virginia Smith, were.

Smith won the nomination with 38 votes more than Peirson, 1325 to 1287. McHugh received only 670 votes district-wide.

North Marsing precinct is the only precinct in Owyhee County not in District 19, and a separate ballot was required for that one precinct.

It’s been difficult to pin the blame on any one person, although by law the responsibility falls on Jayo’s shoulders.

The ballots were printed by the Mountain Homedale News, and Wayne Waters, who was overseeing the production of the ballots, said Monday he’s “willing to accept half of the blame.”

“The copy we ended up with had the error on it. There were four changes authorized by a letter dated April 29th (after the deadline set by law), and other changes were made after that, by the Secretary of State’s office,” Waters said.

“It (the ballot copy) was screwed up from the Secretary of State on down,” Waters said.

Idaho’s election laws required the candidates’ names be rotated so that each candidate for each office has his or her name at the top of the list an equal number of times. Waters said the printing of the Owyhee County ballots required twenty-three changes in the forms, and that wasn’t counting sample ballots.

Because of the many changes, the cost of producing ballots often doubles or triples the charge, he said.

According to the Press-Tribune, Peirson charged there was an attempt on the part of both state and Owyhee County officials to cover up the omission of McHugh’s name from the North Marsing Precinct ballot – because officials knew of the omission on election eve, but failed to voluntarily disclose to the public that a mistake had been made.

“I would take great exception to that statement,” Ysursa said of Peirson’s charge. “It certainly was the county’s fault, not ours.” He said it was the county’s responsibility to deal with the omission of McHugh’s name.

Ysursa said he received a call from Owyhee County Clerk Barbara Jayo shortly after the polls closed May 25 and was told of the omission of McHugh’s name.

Jayo said in addition to informing Ysursa election even of the omission, she also told Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Clayton Andersen right after the election. She said she informed the Owyhee County commissioners than an error had been made in the ballot.

50 years ago

June 20, 1957

Raise in water rates, sewer use tax proposed

The city council held a special meeting Friday morning with Mayor Joe Eiguren presiding and councilmen George Bullock, Delbert Greene and Elmer Frank present to set up a new budget for the fiscal year 1957-58.

The council instructed the city attorney, Richard Eismann, to draft an ordinance creating a sewer fund and charging \$1 per month for all who are connected to the sewer or who have access to the sewer.

The attorney was also instructed to draft an ordinance creating an increase in water rates and meter installation charges.

The new water rate increase for 5,000 gallons will be \$3; over 5,000 gallons, 50 cents per thousand gallons, and 35 cents per thousand gallons over 10,000 gallons. Meter installation charges, which were \$25 last year, have been raised to \$50.

The city refused a request for the sale of fireworks in the city, because of the city ordinance that prohibits the sale of such products.

The salary of Emory Parrill has been raised \$5 per month through a resolution.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, June 25 at the city hall at which time the new ordinance will be read.

Guard returns from camp; earns highest rating

Saturday, June 15, marked the last day of this year’s field training for the 615th light truck transportation company of Homedale. The two weeks spent at Boise’s Gowen Field proved to be the most successful for the 615th in six year due to the co-operation and willingness of every man in the unit, according to Sgt. Elmer Moore, administrative assistant.

Beginning June 1, the training included tactical convoys into the arid hills south of Boise, classes on pertinent military subjects, firing of the .50 caliber machine gun, and three days and two nights of bivouac in the hills between Idaho City and Lowman.

The first week was climaxed by the national guard truck Road-e-o at Gowen Field. Saturday, June 9, saw the two top finalists of each company from the 123rd battalion, which includes the 615th from Homedale, and 616th from Emmett, the 620th from Grangeville, and the Headquarters company from Nampa, competing with each other for the trophy. The Road-e-o, as governed by the rules of the American Trucking association, state, national, and army drivers’ regulations, consisted of three parts: the written exam with a possible 30 points, the before operations inspection with a possible 10 points, and the driving skill test with a possible 60 points. Sgt. Julian Landa of Homedale received the top score of the battalion, an Emmett man took second, and Sgt. Clyde Hill took third. For this Sgt. Landa was later presented with the traveling trophy of the company and a personal trophy.

During the second week, the annual Governor’s Day review took place. At this time every unit in training passed before Governor Smylie in battalion formation. This year, for the first time, a simulated atomic blast was triggered by the Governor.

As an anticlimax to the second week of training, a battalion review conducted strictly by the top enlisted men of the battalion was held Friday. During this review Sgt. Landa received his trophies, Sgt. Hill received a letter of commendation and SFC Rodger Nash received the Pardue trophy in behalf of the 615th. This was two out of three trophies offered, which went to Homedale. The Pardue trophy is a traveling award given to the company of the 123rd battalion which received the highest rating in military courtesy, discipline, formations, cleanliness, training, motor pool operations and morale. Homedale won by over 100 point out of 2500.

This is the third time in six years Homedale has been awarded this trophy. Chosen as the best all around enlisted man in the 123rd battalion over 283 other men was Homedale’s SFC Marvin Friel, who acted as battalion commander during the review.

140 years ago

June 15, 1867

PROSPECTS BRIGHTENING. The belief is becoming settled that Owyhee has seen its darkest business days, and that the situation which affects nearly all quartz mining communities, at some period in their history, has partially passed and from this time forward there will be a steady and healthy improvement. The richer the early prospects the more certain a painful season of business depression ensues, resulting mainly from extravagant expectations and a corresponding extravagance and recklessness in the outlay of money and labor. Owyhee exhibits rich ore in more veins than any camp of which we have any knowledge, and this fact has led to early failures of companies, and to a loss of confidence abroad in our best mines. The Oro Fino ledge had acquired an envied reputation in New York and even had admirers in Europe. Its products gave the Camp its first prominence in Idaho and also abroad. Its proprietors, whose reputation as successful miners was no less circumscribed than the richness of the mine, failed largely in debt, and the effect, at least abroad, was similar to a stroke of paralysis to a healthy man. The property has passed into the possession of men who did not want it and whose preference would have been their money and other pursuits, and under their management will undoubtedly regain its former reputation and thus create a most healthy reaction of sentiment in favor of Owyhee, aside from a large amount of continuously healthy business. From all we can learn from Superintendents of mines – including just inferences from their words and actions – we believe that they are more than ever determined to make very dollar expended – whether put up capital or obtained from the mines – tell in favor of the stock-holders. Undertakings requiring large sums of money will not be engaged in without reasonable assurance of success. Economy of expenditures will pre-eminently mark every department of prospecting, mining and milling. Past costly experience we think will insure the future against such heavy losses to companies, laborers and credit of the Camp in general, and best of all give fine dividends to stock-holders. Should present appearance prove real, this mining region will never more be seriously affected by failures that are always incident to all kinds of business.

RICH DISCOVERY. We verily believe a second Poorman has been discovered within eighty rods of our office, and lying in the hill south of Long Gulch. The discovery was made June 7th, and the ledge christened Potosi. As the names appear on the notice, the lucky parties are Chas. S. Peck, A. J. Cope, B. Rinehart, M. Firebaugh, J. W. Cope, and J. Firebaugh, each claiming two hundred feet in addition to the discovery claim which is held in common. Very rich gold float quartz was found near the Creek last fall, but until a few weeks since no determined labor was commenced to discover the vein from whence it came. Cuts and holes were dug one above another until no float was found, and by falling back the first time come right down on a ledge of one foot in width, containing free gold and native silver, easily cut with a knife, and the whole mixed with black sulphurets of silver. Nearly every pound of the ore contains one or more of these rich substances. The top of the lode was broken off and the vein where found was covered some ten feet deep with talc and sandy slate or rather both combined. The location is most favorable one for mining by tunnels and shafts. The ledge has not the least appearance of a crevice or pocket, but that of a true vein. Therefore, a force of six men commenced work on Monday last to grade out a commodious space for a shaft and quartz yard, and but little more has been developed through the week than the uncovering of the ledge for near twenty feet, and every new point disclosed tends to confirm the high estimate placed upon its value.

Charley Peck seems to have “quartz on the brain” to much advantage to his pocket, for this in his second rich strike in Owyhee. The other members of the Company have done much delving in these mountains, as well as in others on the Coast, and previously without any great success. They are confident that they now have a “good thing” – and the present showing justifies the confidence.

Public notices

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
On July 9th, 2007 the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hear testimony in Courtroom #2, Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matter at the time listed below:
10:00 AM - ANDRADE PROPERTIES, LLC has filed an application appealing the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a request for a conditional use permit to divide 242 acres in an Agricultural Zone into four parcels: three 20 acre parcels and a 182 acre parcel for residential use. Subject property is located southwest of Homedale off of Nielsen Lane and Graveyard Point Road in Section 25 Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
6/20/07

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: The declarations of candidacy for the office of Commissioner of the Homedale Highway District must be filed with the district clerk/secretary whose address is PO Box 713, Homedale, Idaho 83628, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of June 29th, 2007.

Such declarations are available at the district office at 102 East Colorado Avenue or at the office of the County Clerk in Murphy, Idaho.
Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 25th day prior to the election.
Election of two (2) commissioners to four (4) year terms will be held on August 7, 2007.
Dated this 7th day of June, 2007
Terri Uria
Clerk/Secretary
Homedale Highway District
6/20,27/07

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
57-11692

REGINA ROSE
29658 HWY 78
OREANA ID 83650
Point(s) of Diversion NWNE S23 T04S R01E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 0.4 CFS
Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 To 12/31 0.05 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.45 CFS
Date Filed: 09/06/2006
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T04S R01E S23 NWNE
Number of Acres 20
Place Of Use: STOCKWATER SAME AS IRRIGATION
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 07/09/2007. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
6/20,27/07

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
2-10324
GREG SIMS
SUSAN SIMS
7530 RIVERFRONT DR
MARSING ID 83639
Point(s) of Diversion L3 (NWSE) S23 T02N R04W OWYHEE County Source SNAKE RIVER Tributary To COLUMBIA RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 0.05 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.05 CFS
Date Filed: 09/08/2006
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T02N R04W S23 NWSE Lot 3
Number of Acres 1.5
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport

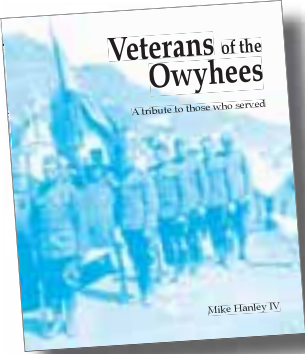
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DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
6/20,27/07
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Notice of Trustee’s Sale T.S. No. 050-13632 Loan No. 0613199236 On 10/1/2007, at 11:00am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho: at the entrance to the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC, as Trustee on behalf of LandAmerica Default Services will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Owyhee State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 3, Block 1 in Shari Hill Estates Phase 1 Subdivision, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the plat recorded as Instrument No 211614 records of said county recorder, Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of Route 1 Box 455, Marsing, ID 83639 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 Janet E Warner an unmarried woman as Grantor/Trustor, in which Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc., is named as Beneficiary and Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County as Trustee and recorded 12/29/2000 as Instrument No. 234709 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A),

Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 12/22/2000. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$762.86, due per month for the months of 2/1/2007 through -, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$66,974.83 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 8.50000 per cent (%) per annum from 1/1/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 5/23/2007 Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC By: Mark Yermasek-Merger Vice President This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 860829
6/20,27;7/4,11/07

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: May 14, 2007 File No.: 7104.26697 Sale date and time (local time): September 13, 2007 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 29396 STATE HIGHWAY 51 BRUNEAU, ID 83604 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Regina May Roscoe and Bradley Steven

Roscoe, wife and husband as joint tenants Original trustee: Guaranty Title, Inc. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First NLC Financial Services, LLC Recording date: August 4, 2005 Recorder’s instrument number: 252862 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of May 14, 2007: \$154,784.67 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: In Township 6 South, Range 5 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 33: A parcel lying in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter, Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 5 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence running South a distance of 1050 feet; thence running Northwesterly a distance of approximately 960 feet to a point on the Southeasterly line of the State Highway 51, said point also being Southwesterly 875 feet from the Point of Beginning; thence running Northeasterly along the Southeasterly line of State Highway 51, a distance of 875 feet to the Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7104.26697) 1002.71257-FEI
5/30;6/6,13,20/07

Announcing ...
The latest book by Mike Hanley



Veterans of the Owyhees
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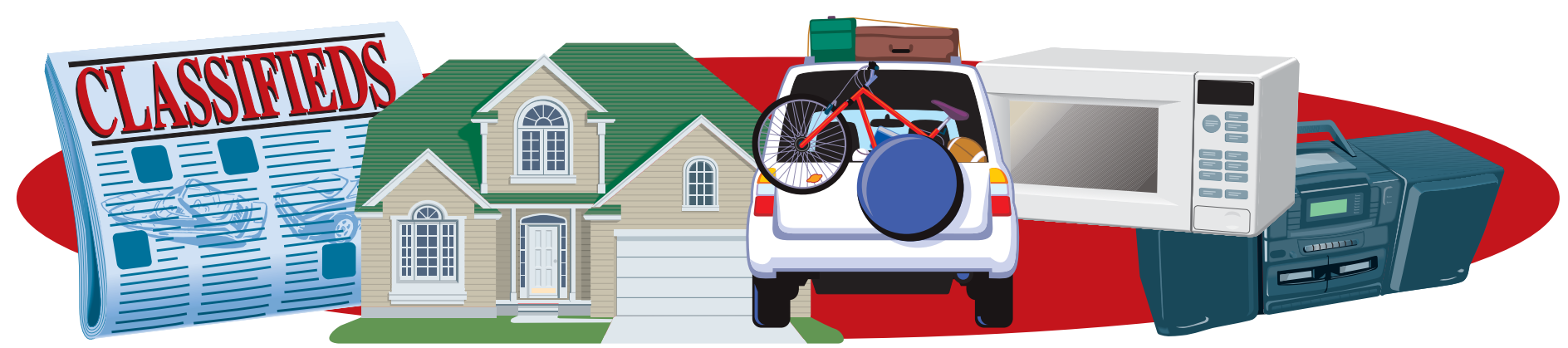
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