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Prosecutor sues commissioner, county workers

Faulks alleges Freund has conflict of interest as commission chair Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks has alleged that the chairman of the board of county commissioners has a conflict of interest while serving in that capacity.

In a petition filed Friday in Owyhee County district court, Faulks asks the court to rule on whether it is legal for commission chair Dick Freund to vote on county employees salary matters because his wife, Lynda, and daughter, Tiffany Walker, both work in the county offices in Murphy.

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Marsing dock receives upgrade

These two anglers from Eagle visited Breshears Pond last week to take in sunshine and fresh air. This dock is scheduled to receive an upgrade this week in the form of a metal ramp, which will make the dock wheelchair-accessible.

Marsing pond receives access upgrade

Marsing's boat docks, at Breshears Pond at Island Park, recently got some major improvements to make them wheelchair accessible, just in time for the busy summer recreation season.

City officials said Friday that they expect a metal wheelchair ramp to be installed this week at one of the three boat docks at Breshears Pond to make it accessible to disabled fishermen.

According to Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt, the newer boats originally were installed at CJ Strike. Idaho Power donated the newer boat docks approximately a year ago, but city workers have made upgrades to them over the winter to make them more userfriendly. Those improvements soon will include making them wheelchair-accessible.

"They're wheelchair-friendly. They've got side rails, and are probably one of the nicest enhancements we've had to our pond," Osterhoudt said. "We got these docks, and they floated about 8 inches higher than the other docks, so we had to build a ramp for wheelchair access."

The docks will make a difference, the mayor said.

"We had one fellow who was severely disabled who loves to come over and go fishing," Osterhoudt said. "The new docks were a significant enhancement over the old ones."

Osterhoudt said the new docks have better floatation devices, which give them greater stability and make them ride higher in the water than previous docks.

Osterhoudt said that city public works employees worked to restore the docks during the winter months during downtime from other assignments.

— JWB

Events fire up for 4th

Communities in and around Owyhee County are gearing up for another action-packed Fourth of July chock-full of entertainment for all ages.

• The festivities begin Tuesday

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Avalanche, businesses close for 4th

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, next week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche will arrive in mailboxes a day late.

However, the deadlines for classified ads, obituaries, legal notices and display advertising will remain the same.

In observance of the Fourth of July holiday next week, all government offices, including post offices, will be closed next Wednesday. U.S. Bank locations in Homedale and Marsing also will be closed.

The Avalanche office also will be closed next Wednesday.

Paul's Market in Homedale and Snake River Mart in Marsing will both be open for regular hours.



Specials, spree mark Paul's grand reopening

Above: Paul's Market on Wyoming Avenue in Homedale, held its grand re-opening between Wednesday and Tuesday. The store has increased the size of the deli and produce sections. More spacious aisles and a larger nonfoods section also complement the store's new look. A pharmacy and a new entrance still are in the works. Right: Tracy Hulse of Homedale, left, was the lucky winner of a 2-minute Western Family brand shopping spree during Paul's grand opening festivities Saturday.



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Homedale Fire christens tanker



Agency continues to modernize fleet

Top: The Homedale Rural Fire District unveiled its newest tanker last week during a meeting at the newly christened John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall. Below: Longtime firefighter Kenne Metzer, second from left, accepts the keys to the tanker from Brad Rhoads of Boise Mobile Equipment, which brokered the deal that brought the truck to Homedale. The new tanker holds 25,000 gallons of water, nearly 20 times more than the yellow 1969 Ford tanker built by Matteson. Fire chief Scott Salutregui said the old tanker will remain in service. The truck was pressed into service on Friday, see Page 11









Marsing settles EPA case

The City of Marsing has agreed to pay a \$3,500 fine for excessive discharge from its wastewater treatment plant into the neighboring Snake River.

Marsing to pay for Clean Water Act violations

The City of Marsing has reached in September 2006 a Pocatello a \$3,500 settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Clean Water Act violations.

Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt said that the city unintentionally committed the violation and made an agreement with the EPA.

"We had a conference call with the EPA. We didn't try to say, 'Oh, no, we didn't do it or anything like that.' We exceeded the limits," Osterhoudt said, adding that the violations came at a time when the city was re-lining the city's wastewater lagoons near the Snake River.

"This is as close to a gentle 'slap' on the wrist as you can get, but it still cost us \$3,500," Osterhoudt said. "Our attorney said this is the minimum amount they could charge and still enforce the laws, and they have to enforce the laws or they give up their position."

The city owns and operates a permitted wastewater treatment facility that discharges treated wastewater into the Snake

Information provided by the EPA confirmed the \$3,500 fine is small compared to other fines that have been assessed throughout the state in recent years.

In May 2006, the Idaho Department of Transportation, along with an Idaho contractor, was assessed a \$895,000 fine for Clean Water Act violations, and

company was assessed an \$85,000 penalty for Clean Air Act violations.

In August 2006, the City of Kooskia, in northern Idaho, was assessed a \$3,500 fine for a violation similar to Marsing's. As in Marsing's case, the relatively small fine amount is based partially on the improvements the city has made since the violations occurred.

Between May 2002 and June 2006, Marsing's facility had numerous effluent limit violations, an EPA press release stated. Permit violations occurred when the discharge from the city's facility exceeded limits set for fecal coliform bacteria, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), E. coli and total residual chlorine.

According to James Werntz, Idaho Operations Office Director for EPA, wastewater treatment plants can degrade water quality if permit limits are exceeded.

"Cities like Marsing provide valuable service to their community by treating wastewater, but they need to strictly follow their permit limits," Werntz said. "Otherwise, rivers like the Snake can be needlessly harmed by pollutants. We're gratified to hear that the city is investing in its system for

— JWB



Silver viewshed ordinance still awaits nod from P&Z

Officials taking public comment on historic preservation ordinance through July 23

officials are accepting public comment on the proposed expansion of the Silver City historic district after last week's public hearing.

and Zoning Commission must wait until after July 23 before it can make a decision on whether to send the ordinance on to the county commissioners for the next round of scrutiny.

The Owyhee County Historical Preservation Commission has been at the forefront of creating the code.

"For a historical preservation committee that doesn't deal with ordinances, I think they did a pretty good job," county P&Z administrator Mary Huff said.

"It still comes down to: It's an ordinance and the historic preservation committee needs some help in writing it."

The deadline to file public comment with the P&Z office in Murphy is 5 p.m. July 23.

County P&Z administrator Mary Huff said the commission could vote on the ordinance as early as its July 25 meeting. But if discussion of a proposed expansion of the Deruyter Dairy outside Marsing takes longer than expected during that meeting, Huff said a vote on the Silver City provisions won't take place until the Aug. 8 meeting unless commissioners decide to call a special meeting.

The ordinance, on which citizens concerned with protecting history from commercial development

County planning and zoning have been working for about five years, is aimed at toughening historic preservation provisions by creating a viewshed that effectively would widen the Silver City Historic District to The Owyhee County Planning more than 10,000 acres. Presently, only the townsite for the former county seat has protection from development under an older ordinance.

> The historic preservation commission would be responsible for approving a certificate of appropriateness for any proposed development or improvements in the historic district. But even that role is unclear.

Hearing officer Fred Grant urged historic preservation committee members to examine what role they wanted in the process.

"The historic preservation committee wants to be an advisory committee only," Huff said, adding that it's unclear if the committee would advise P&Z or directly bend the collective ear of the county commissioners.

After Wednesday's public hearing, it became clear that there still are some items that require fine-tuning to ensure the ordinance is as cohesive as possible and not open to unintended interpretation, Huff said.

One of the biggest hang-ups at last week's meeting appeared to be interpretation of how rules would affect mining operations in the region, even though the federal Mining Act of 1872 effectively trumps anything the county could ever do.

Still, historic preservation committee chair Paul Nettleton said many people still thought that the new ordinance's prohibition of industrial development would wipe out mining in the area.

Another point of confusion was agricultural uses. Some interpreted the ordinance as prohibiting cutting junipers, but Nettleton quelled that by saying that juniper-clearing is already on the list of acceptable agricultural

Nettleton said some at Wednesday's meeting were determined to take the process back to Square One, but Grant put an end to the talk.

"Fred Grant summed it up at the end," Nettleton said. "He said, 'I don't think the committee is inclined to trash this and start over again because they've worked four or five years on it, and so we're probably going to make a few changes that need to be done and were recommended by a lot of the people and go from there."

One point of the ordinance that bears serious clarification is the process of getting an approved use on land in the Silver City viewshed. As it stands now, a property owner would have to go before the historic preservation committee and the P&Z commission before even applying for a building permit. Also, there is no appeals process in place if the historical committee rejects a proposal.

While the appeals language for the ordinance still is being hammered out, Huff said that anyone who objects to the ordinance could file an appeal to block its progress if P&Z decides to send it along to commissioners.

— JPB



draws 2-year prison sentence, hefty fine

Homedale men originally charged with beating and robbing a Homedale man outside a bar in September, recently was

sentenced to spend at least two years behind bars and pay \$30,338 in restitution. He was sentenced to an additional four years indeterminate.

Cook and Steven Dickson, both in their early 20s, were arrested on Sept. 19, 2006, by Homedale Police officers Adam Cook

and charged with aggravated battery and robbery for allegedly beating and robbing 50-year-old Douglas Grever near O'Henry's Pub on West Idaho Avenue around 2 a.m. on Sept. 8.

The suspects were held in the Owyhee County Jail on

Adam Cook, one of two \$100,000 bonds. Dickson was later sentenced to a similar prison sentence as Cook, but was also sentenced to a stiffer, \$55,000 worth of restitution.

> In February, Owyhee County Prosecutor Matthew Faulks reached plea agreements with Cook and Dickson in which the men would not be charged with robbery in return for guilty pleas to charges of aggravated battery.

Grever's injuries from the beating were

so severe that he was rushed to Boise's Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center by Lifeflight air-ambulance. He remained in intensive care for several days before regaining consciousness.

Bar beating suspect | New face on HPD beat

The newest face at the Homedale Police Department is no stranger to law enforcement in Owyhee County.

Newly hired patrol officer Atanacio Montes spent two years working for the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office as a jail deputy, during which time he completed the Idaho Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) detention training academy with an 'A+' average in November 2005.

"I wanted to try something new," Montes said of his reason for choosing Homedale Police to further his law enforcement career. "I wanted some new challenges."

The 1999 Marsing High School graduate said he worked in the construction industry and volunteered at the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office before being hired fulltime in April 2005. Montes said experience at the sheriff's office already has been an advantage in streets of Homedale.

"I learned a lot of things (at the jail) that will be useful in patrol. I recognize people I have encountered and remembered things about them that have helped," Montes said. "I learned how to use 'verbal judo.'"

Montes said that while dealing with suspects as inmates in the jail, he worked hard to build a reputation of being fair — a trait



City's new officer comes from county

Atanacio Montes, the newest patrolman to join the Homedale Police Department, most recently worked as a jailer in the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

that he will carry over into his patrol duties.

When he's not keeping Homedale's streets safe, he enjoys the outdoors, spending time with family and friends and restoring his 1966 Chevrolet pickup.

Montes is scheduled to attend the Idaho POST patrol academy in July. The 10-week academy will be similar to the detention training

academy he attended two years ago, but with additional emphasis on traffic laws, defensive tactics and advanced emergency driving techniques.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron and Deputy Russ Turner will be Montes' classmates at the

— JWB

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Prosecutor, Homedale lawyer seek magistrate job

Two Owyhee County men have thrown their hats into the ring in an attempt to succeed Thomas Ryan as the county's magistrate judge.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew W. Faulks, who lives in Marsing, and Dan C. Grober, a Homedale attorney, are the only two candidates for the job who currently live in the county.

Third Judicial District trial court administrator Dan Kessler released the list of applicants Thursday.

Ryan is leaving the magistrate bench for a position in District Court. Faulks and Grober are among 15 applicants who will be considered.



Faulks is in his first term as prosecuting attorney. His term ends in 2009. Grober has a law office on East Wyoming Avenue in



Matthew Faulks

Grober has practiced law in Homedale since 1996. His first job in Idaho was as an English teacher at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School from

1976 to 1979.

Homedale.



Dan Grober

Other candidates include Philip A. Brown of Gooding, Douglas A. Donohue of Nampa, Richard J.

Hansen of Boise, John C. Keenan of Boise, Brent R. King of Boise, Danielle Larimer of Nampa, Cheryl A. Emmons-Meade of Boise, James E. Rice of Caldwell, Barbara J. Richart of Payette, Craig A. Steveley of Boise, Kenneth F. Stringfield of Caldwell, Jay Q. Sturgell of Coeur d'Alene, and Chris N. Topmiller of Nampa.

Magistrates are required to live in the county in which they serve once they take the position.

The process moves to an evaluation session during which questionnaires are sent to attorneys throughout Idaho. Public comment also is sought, and forms for making comment are available in the Clerk of the District Court offices throughout the Third Judicial District or at Kessler's office, 1115 Albany St., Caldwell. Comment forms also can be downloaded at www.the3rdjudicialdistrict.com.

The Third Judicial District has offices in Owyhee, Canyon, Gem, Payette, Washington and Adams counties.

The deadline for submitting comments to Kessler's office is July 6.

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$\sqrt{\text{Events:}}$ Something for everyone in the county on Tuesday, Wednesday

with Marsing's annual Third of July events, including Marsing Lions Club's barbecue and the Doodlebug Derby and a fireworks display over the Snake River.

• The Homedale Lions Club will present its silver anniversary Fourth of July Demolition Derby beginnin at 6 p.m.m next Wednesday. Prime tickets for the event have been sold out for at least a week, but tickets are still available for other seating areas.

Purchase tickets in advance at NAPA Auto Parts locations in Homedale and Marsing. Organizers warn that fans shouldn't expect to buy tickets the day of the event.

The demolition derby will be capped by a fireworks show and a concert by the band Straight Shooter.

- While the City of Grand View has no municipal celebration planned, the Black Sands Resort will present a fireworks display at dusk near CJ Strike Reservoir on Wednesday.
- Melba presents its Old Tyme Fourth of July Celebration all day Wednesday.

The event kicks off at 8 a.m. and lasts through dusk when a fireworks show will be presented at the high school football field.

 Wilder also will have a daylong Fourth of July celebration with the theme "Women of the West," featuring a parade, fireworks and a live band.

For more information on the festivities, see Pages 14-15.



Smash from the past

John Ellis, left, and Sam Ensley tangle during a preliminary heat in last year's Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby. Ensley is back this season with 40-year-old Lincoln Continental. He finished tied for third with Bryan Badiola last year. Ellis isn't listed on the competitors list for next week's event at the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Arena.

√ **Suit:** Court action comes as county's budget planning season looms

Lynda Freund works in Faulks' office. Walker is employed by the sheriff's office. Both are longtime county employees.

Acting in his role as prosecuting attorney, Faulks filed the lawsuit at 4:55 p.m. on June 19.

Dick Freund, the former chief deputy in the sheriff's office, was sworn in as the District 3 commissioner on Jan. 8. Both Walker and Lynda Freund worked for the county before Dick Freund became commissioner.

According to papers filed with the court, Faulks alleges that "there is a present and prospective controversy regarding the interpretation, application and authority of the law ... in considering any conflict of interest for a member of a county board of

commissioners to make actions regarding that official's family members who are also employed by the same county."

Faulks also asks for "preventative or remedial relief" in the matter

Faulks' petition cites Idaho Code 18-1359, a bribery and corruption statute prohibiting using public office for personal

A second law cited, Idaho Code 59-201, prohibits any public official from having an interest in any contracts made by the board

on which they serve.

County commissioners will begin considering employee salaries soon as they prepare the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

Read all about it in the Avalanche!

Fair and rodeo queen applications open

Contestants are being sought for the 2007 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen contest.

Eligible contestants must have lived in Idaho for the past year and must be between the ages of 16 and 23 and unmarried.

Competition and judging will run from Aug. 6 to Aug. 11 and will include horsemanship, personality and appearance.

Prizes will be awarded for queen, first and second runnersup, Miss Congeniality and Horsemanship.

The deadline to file applications is July 21. Applications may be sent to queen coordinator Debbie Shearn, 16308 Farmway Road, Caldwell, ID 83607.

For more information, call Shearn at 455-7917.

Jordan Valley graduate finishes Air Force basic training in Texas

Air Force Airman TJ Stubbs

has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is a 2005 graduate of Jordan Valley High School.



TJ Stubbs

Stubbs is the son of Joy Easterday Jordan Valley and Sheldon Stubbs of Beaverton, Ore.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches. He also received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the

Birthday

Barbecue marks Legrand Leavitt's 90th birthday

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Legrand Leavitt's 90th birthday on Saturday, June 30, 2007, at the Snake River RV Resort.

The festivities begin at 11 a.m. at the resort, which is located East Pioneer Road.

The celebration will take place at the covered barbecue area at the river's edge.

Aroasted pig barbecue featuring all the trimmings will be served from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Tim Leavitt at 337-3598.

Death notice

YANCEY CHANDLER EELLS, infant son of Eric and Gingers Eells of Marsing, died at home Friday, June 22, 2007. Services under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel will be held Wednesday, June 27, at Peaceful Valley Cemetery, Caldwell.





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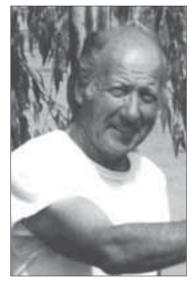
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Obituaries

Toney C. Klug

Toney C. Klug of Grand View, Idaho, formerly of Homedale, Idaho, died on Tuesday, June 12th, 2007 at a Boise Hospital.

Toney was born in Lengby, Minn., on Aug. 7th, 1936, to Martin Klug and Monica Weinberger Klug. Toney attended school through the 8th grade. He married Lillian "Pat" Potter on Feb. 11th, 1955 in Bozeman, Mont. They resided in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana and California. Toney was employed as a cabinet maker. He enjoyed fishing, rock hounding, mining, hunting, cooking, painting, jewelry making, gardening, and traveling. Toney loved his kids, family and friends. He was a



member of the Idaho Gem Club, and the Grand View Senior Dinner

Club

Toney is survived by his wife Pat; sons, Martin (Donna) of Oklahoma, Joe (Carol) of Homedale, Id., and Ron, of Snohomish, Wa.; daughters, Carla (Doug) Ellis, of Townsend, Mt., and Carol Martinez and Terry of Everston, Wa.; sister Rose Hawk of Boise, Id., and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Toney was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Veronica; and two brothers, Carl and Donald.

Memorials are suggested to Toney's name to the Idaho Gem Club, PO Box 7521, Boise, Id. 83707

Michael Wade Leavitt



Yakima Herald-Republic

Federal Magistrate Michael Leavitt, 63, of Selah, Wash., died unexpectedly Sunday, June 17, 2007, at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, the result of complications from lymphoma. Services are Saturday in Selah.

Mike was born August 11, 1943, in Hawthorne, Nev. His family moved to Homedale where he was raised and graduated from Homedale High School. He graduated from Brigham Young University and the University of Utah Law School. He was named magistrate for U.S. District Court in Eastern Washington in 2003 after 15 years as a Yakima County Superior Court Judge. Previously he practiced law in Yakima for 17 years.

He was active for years in Rotary and Boy Scouts and loved to garden.

Survivors include his wife, Alona Merkley Leavitt; two daughters, Lanae Cate of Yakima and Shara Stowell of Great Falls, Mont.; three sons, Michael Jon Leavitt of Idaho Falls, Brandon Leavitt of Kearns, Utah, and Derik Leavitt of Avondale, Ariz.; a sister, Martha Bergeson of Moses Lake, Wash.; four brothers, Ted Leavitt of Cle Elum, Wash., Tim Leavitt and Kelly Leavitt, both of Homedale, and Brian Leavitt of Meridian; his father and stepmother, Legrand and Louise Leavitt of Homedale; and 17 grandchildren.

Emilie Kaylen McAbee

Emilie Kaylen McAbee, 68, went home to heaven on Tuesday, June 19, 2007. She was under the compassionate care of Hospice at the Floyd County Memorial Hospital in Charles City, Iowa.

A memorial service was held 11:00 A.M. Tuesday (June 26, 2007) at the New Life Community Church, 1960 Gilbert St. in Charles City with Rev. Michael McAbee and Rev. Mike Blatchley officiating. Another memorial service with inurnment at the Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell, Idaho, will take place at a later date.

The family greeted relatives and friends one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church.

Those wishing to extend memorials may direct them to Hospice of North Iowa, Charles



City Satellite, 1003 Gilbert St., Charles City, IA 50616.

Condolences, stories or thoughts may be sent to the family in the care of Fullerton Funeral Home online at www.fullertonfh.com.

Kaylen, as she was commonly known, was born on January 10, 1939 in Scranton, Iowa, to John and Marjorie (Harris) Hibnes. Her family settled in Homedale, Idaho, when she was a teenager. In 1958, she married Virgle McAbee and lived in a variety of places here in the U.S. and in Europe during his military career. In later life, she settled again in Homedale. In 2004, Kaylen moved to Charles City, Iowa, to be closer to her family.

She enjoyed visiting with family and friends, and loved her children and grandchildren very much. Kaylen was a generous and giving person, always finding a way to help others in need. When she could, she enjoyed attending church and talking about Jesus Christ. Kaylen was a person of incredible faith.

She will be greatly missed by the family she leaves behind, her four sons; David McAbee of Boise, Idaho; Dwayne and his wife Karen of Fort Worth, Texas; Mark and his wife Wendye of Anchorage, Alaska; and Michael and wife Derese of Charles City, Iowa; her 9 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents, and her brother, John Hibnes, Jr.

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Your finances

Don't risk losing house just to get investment capital

Dear Dave,

Right now our debt is keeping us from investing. Do you recommend making investments with a home equity line of credit?

— Paul

Dear Paul,

Let me answer this very, very carefully. No! Never!

You don't borrow on your home, Paul. You never want to put something as precious and important as your home in jeopardy just for the sake of investing.

Follow the Baby Steps. First, get \$1,000 in the bank to start your emergency fund. Second, pay off all debts from smallest to largest — except for your house — using the debt snowball. This will lead you to Baby Step Three, which is fully funding your emergency fund with three to six months of expenses. Once you've done all this you're ready for Baby Step Four, which is investing in Roth IRAs and other pre-tax retirement.

When you're debt-free except for your house, you'll find investing is easy because you've freed up your most important wealth-building tool — your income!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are completely debt-free. We also have our emergency fund in place and a retirement plan. I love cars and have a classic 1966 Cobra in the garage that's worth about \$700,000. My parents helped me buy it when I was 17, and only 300 were ever made. Our other investments, house and all total about \$800,000, and my wife is wondering if we shouldn't sell the car and put more money toward retirement. What's your opinion?

— Tommy

Dear Tommy,

Wow, that's one serious treasure car! If it's been with you that long, I'm guessing at some point it stopped being just a car and almost became part of the family!

I'm a guy, and I like shiny toys,



too — especially the ones that make lots of noise and go really fast. Obviously this little jewel hasn't done what most cars do, which is go down in value like a rock. But chances are it's not going to appreciate much more than it already has. So, from a financial standpoint you're losing \$70,000-80,000 a year by keeping the car and not investing the money.

I can tell you've got some emotion wrapped up in this car, Tommy. But if it were me, I'd have a hard time justifying a \$700,000 car when my total net worth was about \$1.5 million.

— Dav

Dear Dave,

I have an investment property with a mortgage of \$1,200 a month. I'm thinking about renting it out. Is it all right if the renter covers only the monthly mortgage amount?

— Mary

Dear Mary,

No. You need to get more than that, and here's why.

As a landlord, you'll also have to handle repairs, taxes and insurance on the property. If the rent is the same as the payment you'll probably end up losing money every year.

And pay that note back as quickly as possible, Mary. Wouldn't you rather keep all that money instead of handing it over to the bank?

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the bestselling 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 \$ays, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

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Calendar

Today

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

Thursday

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

Summer reading activity day, 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

Homedale City Council meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641

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

Friday

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

Sunday

Northwest Nazarene University drama group Parable performance, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Tuesday

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

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

Marsing Lions Club Barbecue, 6 p.m., \$30 family, \$8 adults,

\$6 seniors, \$5 ages 12-16, \$3 children 11 and younger, City Park, Marsing.

Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. Snake River Valley Fellowship, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder. Homedale. (208) 475-3733

Marsing Doodlebug Derby, 7:30 p.m., City Park, Marsing. (208) 896-4204 or (208) 896-4161

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

Wednesday

Melba Olde Tyme 4th of July Celebration, Melba Elementary and High School

Wilder Fourth of July Celebration, city park, 11:30 a.m.

Black Sands Resort fireworks show at dusk, Grand View

Homedale Lions Club 25th annual Fourth of July Demolition Derby, 6 p.m., tickets at NAPA Auto Parts in Homedale and Marsing, Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Arena, Homedale.

Thursday, July 5

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

Summer reading activity day, 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

Ridgeview Irrigation District monthly board meeting, 7 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

Gem Irrigation District monthly board meeting, 7:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

South Board of Control monthly board meeting, 7:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

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

Friday, July 6

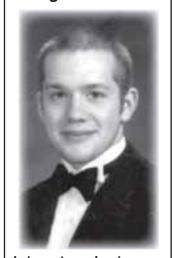
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Sunday, July 8

River Bend Golf Course fundraiser golf scramble and barbecue, 6 p.m., \$40. Deadline, July 6, River Bend Golf Course, Wilder.

Submit information on upcoming fund-raisers, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays. 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 jbrowneditor@cableone. net. For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

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Students named to UI Deans List

Several students from Owyhee country earned spots on the yearend Deans List at the University of Idaho in Moscow:

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4-Hers excel during county horse demonstrations

Fifty-seven Owyhee County 4-H members gave horse demonstrations on June 12, in Marsing and June 16 in Grand View.

Four Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) gave excellent demonstrations this year. Lewis Rutan of South Mountain Cowboys spoke on Dummy Roping, Nicole Collins of Owyhee Outlaws gave her demonstration, "Big Hearts, Little Bodies," Darion Boman of Bruneau Sage Riders demonstrated how to "Saddle Up," and Garrett Prow, also from Bruneau Sage Riders, demonstrated the parts of a snaffle bit.

Jaycee Engle of Owyhee Outlaws placed first in the Novice (ages 8-9) division with her demonstration, "I See Spots." Second place was awarded to Morgan Monson of Wilson Butte. Owyhee Outlaws member Allison Collins placed third with her demonstration entitled "Dull to Dazzling." Fourth, fifth, and sixth place went to Shelby Dines, Carrie Dines, and Brianna Hampton, all from Owyhee Silver Spurs. Other Novice participants included BoDean Kendall, Riley Kendall and Rianna Kent.

Britt Eubanks of Rusty Spurs won the Junior II (ages 10-11)

division with his demonstration titled "Happy Horse, Healthy Horse." Quincey Hall of Dust Devils took second place with her demonstration titled "Manger to Manure." Third place was awarded to Jackie Phillips of Wilson Butte. Dust Devils member Carlie Purdom took fourth place with "What Goes Up Must Come Down." Fifth place went Shawna Anderson of Wilson Butte, and Jolene Engle of the Owyhee Outlaws took sixth. Other Junior II participants included Sami Bachman, Bridget Black, Hailey Boman, Justice Cook, Triston Hylton, Jackie Prow and Zack

In the Intermediate division (ages 12-14), Jessica Engle of Owvhee Outlaws took first place in another close contest, beating Lacey Usabel of Wilson Butte by a half-point. Lacey's demonstration was titled "Lacey Springer Show." Brittany Rahier of Grandview Buckaroos took third place with her demonstration titled "Peeka-Boo I Can't See You." Dust Devils member Marissa Ensley took fourth place. Fifth place was awarded to Sydnee James of Oreana Rednecks with her demonstration titled "Bug Off, Bug Out," and Becky Carter of Wilson Butte took sixth place. Other Intermediate participants included Bailey Bachman, Jordan Boman, Erica Collins, Randie Denton, Elizabeth Gramps, Stephanie Hylton, Tanner Lair, Alicia Ressler, Rachelle Ressler Kylie Schoonover, Phaedra Stevenson and Evon Timmons.

For the Senior division (ages 15-18), Mandy Brasher of Dust Devils placed first, followed closely by Andrea Cunningham of South Mountain Cowboys with her demonstration titled "Wrap It Up."

Kortney Bahem of Dust Devils took third place with "Food for Thought." Fourth place was awarded to Arika Anderson of Wilson Butte. Rusty Spurs member Jessica Eubanks took fifth place with "Doctor, Doctor," and sixth place was awarded to Sierra Ridley of Buckaroos with her demonstration titled "Shots All Around." Other Senior participants included Andrew Eubanks, Carlen Hipwell, Rowdy Lair, Summer McGargee, Jessica Will and Emily Wood.

Organizers wish to extend a special thank-you to the judges and congratulations to all the participants.



Owyhee Gems 4-H news

by Hayleigh Green club reporter

The Owyhee County Gems 4-H Club held two meetings recently.

On May 1, we called the meeting to order and talked about what to do for fair and demonstrations. We had a demonstration on how

to work a pig.

After that, we ate our snacks.

We held our second meetin

We held our second meeting on June 2.

In the summer, organizers of the sprint boat races in Marsing allow our 4-H group to clean up the track after races to earn money for club events.



Read all about it in the Avalanche!

Historical society visits historic Wickahoney post office

by Mary O'Malley

Almost 60 members and guests met Saturday, June 16 at the Bruneau City Park for a field trip to Wickahoney. The trip was led by Tom Hall of Bruneau, with assistance from Shirley Moon of Boise.

Wickahoney was homesteaded in 1877 by Joshua Dunning, his brother, George, and his son, Dow. The location is associated most closely with Dow Dunning, who had the 12-room house built over an eight-year period. Dow and his wife, Margaret O'Keefe, had eight children, most born at Wickahoney, and they lived there until

Margaret died in 1913.

Also in 1913, Dow sold the property to Arthur Tindall and moved to Homedale. Dow represented Owyhee County in the Idaho House of Representatives for two terms beginning in 1909, and in the state Senate from 1913 to 1915.

Wickahoney was at various times a stage stop, schoolhouse and post office as well as a home. It had 100 acres irrigated from a large spring with an orchard and large garden, as well as fields and pastures.

There are four graves on the property: Joshua Dunning, Margaret O'Keefe

Dunning, a twin baby Dunning boy, who died at birth in 1894, and a miner, Mike

An earthquake in 1927 stopped the flow of the spring, according to Bill Tindall.

The ranch is currently owned by J.R. Simplot Co. and had been abandoned for some time when it was burned in a wildfire in 1986. It is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and is being fenced to better preserve what is left of it.

After the visit to Wickahoney, the group had a potluck lunch at the beautiful ranch home of Tom and Celia Hall and family

then toured Tom's excellent museum.

The next OCHS field trip is scheduled for July 8. The group will meet at 9 a.m. at Jordan Valley City Park for a field trip up Jordan Creek from Jordan Valley to Silver City via Wagontown, DeLamar and Dewey. As always, the trip will include a potluck lunch. Julie Hyslop will serve as leader for this trip.

For more information on the Owyhee County Historical Society, contact the Owyhee County Museum at (208) 495-2319 or visit the museum's Web site, www. owyheemuseum.org.

BLM plans hearing on use of copters, motorized vehicles in horse gathers

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Boise District Office invites the public to participate in a public hearing on Thursday, July 12 in Boise to discuss motorized vehicle and helicopter use in the management of wild horses within the Black Mountain and Hardtrigger Herd Management Areas (HMAs) in southwestern Idaho.

The Black Mountain HMA encompasses 50,823 total acres, and the Hardtrigger HMA encompasses 68,705 total acres. The adjacent HMAs are located south of the Snake River between Murphy and U.S. Highway 95 to the west.

A wild horse gather is scheduled

for these two HMAs on July 25.

The public hearing is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave., in Boise.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive information and comments on the use of helicopters for wild horse removals and on the use of motorized vehicles for transporting wild horses, as required by regulation.

"Prior to the use of helicopters and motorized vehicles, an annual hearing is required in accordance with Section 9 of the 1971 Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, as amended (43 CFR 4740.1(b))," Chris Robbins, Wild

Horse and Burro Program Lead for the BLM Boise District, said.

Robbins said: "The wild horses within these HMAs are being removed to achieve the appropriate management levels, to relieve stress on rangeland resources and to maintain a thriving ecological balance."

Formore information concerning wild horse management, or to make oral or written statements to present at the hearing, contact Robbins at (208) 384-3348.

Meanwhile, the BLM has announced it will solicit bids for one or more pastures west of the Mississippi River to manage wild horses and burros.

Outpost Days corrals thousands of dollars

Outpost Days coordinator Debra Lindner announced winners of a couple contests from the event held June 2-3 in Murphy.

Tristen Woodberry was a double winner in the Horny Toad Race, grabbing first place overall as well as the prize for best-named toad with Lightning McToad.

Ringworm, an amphibian owned by Kate Hipwell and found at the Joyce Ranch, finished second. Oreana resident Abe Riley coached Gold Dust to third place.

Dan Lute of Boise won the "Steamer Shoshone and Owyhee Country Ferries" quilt.

Lindner, who announced that she's stepping down after six years as coordinator, said about 2,500 people visited the two-day fund-raiser for the Owyhee County Historical Society. She added that more than \$10,000 was raised for the county museum.

"We got lots of positive comments on the layout and organization," Lindner said. "Everyone loved the shade over the bleachers (near the stage where cowboy poets and western musicians performed). It was another great Outpost Days celebration."

Although Lindner is leaving her post the historical society lifetime member plans to continue publishing the organization's bimonthly Bulletin newsletter and will continue to volunteer.

"I am happy to have had the opportunity to serve the community in this way," she said. "It is time for new leadership and new ideas."

Lindner said candidates are being sought for the volunteer Outpost Days coordinator position. For more information, call Thom Couch at the museum, (208) 495-2319.

Richards set to continue on beef council board

Murphy rancher Brenda Richards will serve another year as a board member of the Idaho Beef Council.

The Idaho Beef Council announced its 2007-08 officers and budget last week, and Richards is entering the second year of her three-year term on the council's board of directors.

Kim Burton Brackett, a 33-year-old rancher from Castleford, was elected chair. She is the youngest person to be appointed to the position in the Idaho Beef Council's 40-year history. Her term begins Sunday with the start of the new fiscal year.

Other 2007-08 Idaho Beef Council board members include outgoing chairman Dan Hinman, a cattle feeder from Caldwell; Lynn Keetch, a dairyman from Montpelier; and new directors Tom Dorsey, a dairyman from Caldwell; and Dan Schiffler from Jerome representing livestock markets. Board members are appointed by the Governor and serve three-year terms.

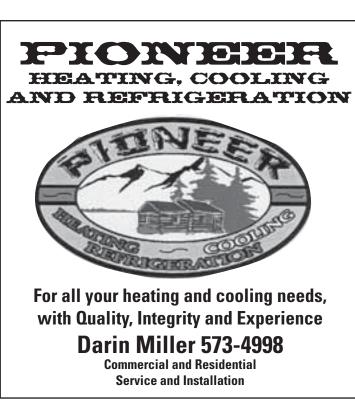
Idaho Beef Checkoff collections are expected to be \$1,650,000 for the coming year, with an approximate net in-state income of \$759,150 after Cattlemen's Beef Board remittance and collection fee paid to state brand department.

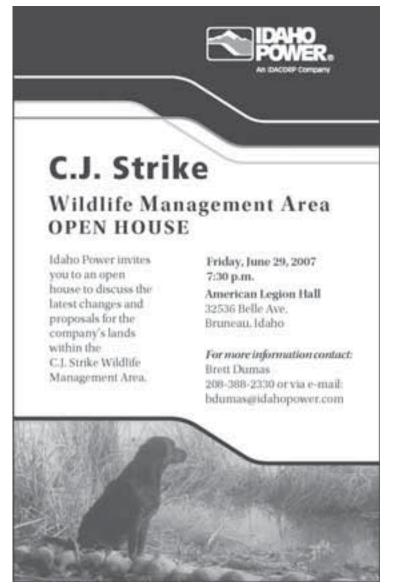
Planned program expenses for 2007-08 are \$234,251 for

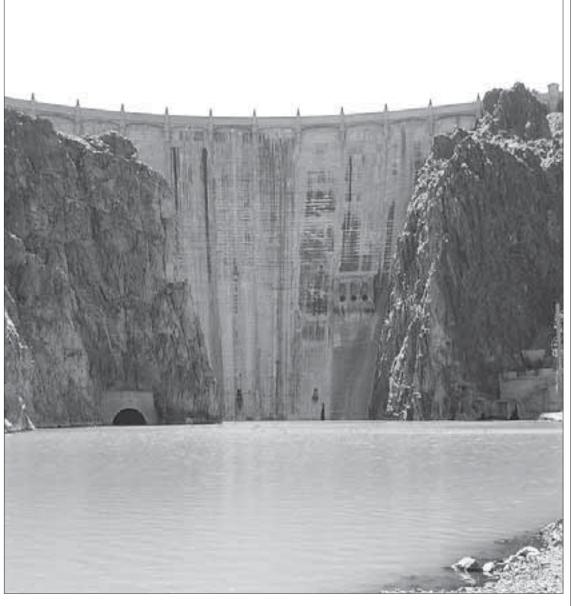
promotion programs including consumer advertising, retail and foodservice promotions, promotional events and July Beef Month; \$129,300 for consumer information programs including youth and adult education programs and events, as well as media and heath professional outreach; \$91,180 for beef safety and product enhancement research; \$36,565 for industry information including producer education programs, the Idaho Beef Quality Assurance Program, beef industry information

and public relations; \$36,000 for producer communications including producer publications and media, annual report and producer meetings; \$40,960 for support of international marketing efforts through the U.S. Meat Export Federation; and, \$173,000 for support of national programs including outreach to higher population states through the Federation of State Beef Councils.

For more on the Idaho Beef Council, visit www.idbeef.org.







Work that created fertile land from desert to be celebrated

The diamond jubilee of the Owyhee Project, of which Owyhee Dam is the crown jewel, will be observed July 14 with guest speakers and exhibits.

Owyhee Project ready to mark 75th anniversary

The Owyhee Project is turning 75 years old next month, and the Owyhee Irrigation District, South Board of Control and Bureau of Reclamation have a big celebration planned.

"Looking Back, Looking Forward" will be the theme for the event, scheduled for Saturday, July 14. The all-day event is slated to kick off at 10 a.m. at the Owyhee Dam Park, directly below the dam, near the Owyhee Dam Visitors Center, which is now the Owyhee Dam Museum.

According to Owyhee Irrigation District Manager Jay Chamberlin, the Project's significance to the region cannot be overstated.

"I think the theme says it all, 'Looking back, looking forward.' As water in the West is changing rapidly in its uses," Chamberlin

"As this facility was built, it actually caused the desert to bloom as a rose. The whole Boise Valley wouldn't exist if it wasn't for irrigated agriculture."

The Owyhee Project's original dedication was held on July 17, 1932, and included officials from Washington D.C.

The Owyhee Dam Museum was later formed from the building that housed the dam's administrative offices during the Project's construction. The museum features photos of the dam's construction and an educational video about the project.

Educational stations will be set up around the park for the anniversary, and the museum will be open. Other events scheduled throughout the day include a mountain man rendezvous, and a living history about the Hudson Fur Traders.

Organizers encourage visitors to bring historic photos or family albums reflecting the past to share for the day.

Dignitaries scheduled to attend are Bureau of Reclamation commissioner Robert Johnson,

U.S. Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo and Idaho Lt. Gov. Jim Risch.

Chamberlin said dignitaries from Oregon also will be on hand, as will the Malheur County Historical Society and the Owyhee County Historical Society.

Brochures with a detailed list of events are available at the Owyhee Irrigation District Office in Nyssa as well as the South Board of Control office in Homedale.

Events listed at the park below the dam include:

- 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. No-host breakfast.
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anniversary events, including historical events, educational booths and museum tour.
- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Anniversary ceremony with guest speakers.

For more information about the day's events, contact the Owyhee Irrigation District Office at (541) 372-3540.

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Report: Homedale in compliance on water

Homedale's public works supervisor reported last week that the town's municipal water system once again has land within federal quality guidelines.

Larry Bauer released the findings on samples taken in Homedale during the 2006 calendar year, and he said the results were the same, even if some people may find the quality of the drinking water suspect because of aesthetic shortcomings.

"We are 100 percent within EPA and (Idaho Department of Environmental Quality)

guidelines," Bauer said. "We've always been fortunate to have safe water to drink.

"The aesthetics and odors of the historic past have been bad, but our water is really good."

Homedale draws its water from the Snake River aquifer through four wells

Bauer said that a copy of Homedale's source water protection plan is available at City Hall. Residents can call 337-4641 with any questions about the water quality report or any water utility matter.

Water report
The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday, Owyhee Reservoir was 58 percent full and that 255 cubic feet per second of water was being released into the Owyhee River at Nyssa, Ore. The reservoir held 413,428 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	Average Temp			
	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
06/19	13.0	67	43	56	
06/20	13.0	79	49	65	
06/21	12.8	82	63	73	
06/22	12.9	83	62	71	
06/23	12.9	84	62	72	
06/24	13.0	70	50	61	
06/25	13.0	66	47	56	

South Mountain

Date	rear to Date	ne Average temp		
	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
06/19	28.3	69	44	56
06/20	28.3	80	54	68
06/21	28.3	78	61	69
06/22	28.3	82	55	70
06/23	28.3	80	55	70
06/24	28.3	76	49	62
06/25	28.3	69	45	55

Mud Flat

Date	Year to Date	Av	Average Temp			
	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.		
06/19	N/A	78	53	67		
06/20	N/A	91	49	73		
06/21	N/A	86	54	70		
06/22	N/A	79	50	63		

Homedale FFA news

From Class IV rapids to Nerf guns, Moscow was a blast for all that attended the recent FFA state career development experience.

To start the week off, the Homedale FFA chapter made a stop in Cascade to experience the wonders of whitewater rafting. Taking turns swimming and "Riding the Bull" made this particular trip memorable to all that participated.

The Homedale FFA chapter once again made its mark in the state competitions. The

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Natural Science and Resource team of Annamaria Salas, Sarah Black, Alysha Bahem and Sierra Aberasturi placed fifth in the competition.

A few members of the Homedale FFA chapter also stood out individually. Salas placed fifth in the Natural Science and Resources team, Kendall Rupp received ninth place for Dairy Handling, and Mat Hansen placed fourth in the Plastic Plumbing competition.

As the saying goes "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." But fortunately for the Homedale FFA chapter, a dance was provided during the competition to let them relax and have fun (as if they didn't already).





New truck makes debut in action

Top: The new tanker truck recently acquired by the Homedale Rural Fire District rolls into position to fight a brush fire on property beyond the northwest boundary of Homedale Middle School on Friday. Above: The new truck is equipped with a remote control boom and nozzle that allows firemen to control the direction of the stream of water from within the vehicle's cab.



Older truck blasts away

Not to be outdone, a Homedale crewmember on an older tanker truck blasts water over a charred piece of land from a dirt access road Friday afternoon.



Ex-Owyhee prosecutor named president of AGs

One-time Owyhee County General's Perspective." In a two-Prosecuting Attorney Lawrence Wasden, now the Idaho Attorney General, has been elected

president of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG).

Wasden became the first AG from Idaho to serve as president of the national organization when members appointed him Thursday night in Atlanta, Ga.

Wasden will serve the 2007-08 term as NAAG Lawrence Wasden president. He succeeds Thurbert E. Baker, the attorney general from Georgia.

Wasden also announced his presidential initiative, "Providing Effective Energy Counsel to State Government; An Attorney

day conference, President Wasden will convene members of private industry, government, and the

> scientific community to discuss issues surrounding global warming, alternative forms of energy and increased energy demands.

"We need to discuss these issues openly and frankly in order to prepare our offices to meet the challenges the energy issue will present in the

future," Wasden said. Wasden was re-elected to a second term as Idaho attorney general in November. He served two years as Owyhee County's

prosecuting attorney.



Water meetings rescheduled

The boards of directors for local irrigation districts will hold their regular meetings Thursday, July 5 at the South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

The meetings, which are normally scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month, were rescheduled because of the proximity to the Fourth of July holiday.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board meets at 7 p.m., the Gem Irrigation District board meets at 7:15 p.m., and the South Board of Control's directors meet at 7:30 p.m.

Car wash raises money for special needs students in Homedale district

Employees from two Homedale bars raised more than \$450 for the Homedale School District special needs classes during a Saturday car wash.

Ashley Spencer, a bartender at the Cowboy Up Saloon, said employees from the Cowboy Up and O'Henry's Pub washed more than 40 cars in five hours Saturday.

The car wash took place at the Homedale car wash near the corner of Main Street and Idaho Avenue.

Spencer wanted to thank everyone who participated or donated for the car wash. She added that car wash owner Tom Gaskins donated the use of a water gun from the car wash to help rinse the cars.



ATV group helps clean Succor Creek | HMS student wins West

Club president says removing trash part of responsible riding

The Owyhee Ridge Runners, a local ATV and snowmobile club, pitched in last weekend at the Succor Creek State Park to clean trash left behind by the multitudes of recreationists that frequent the popular campground.

"Something needs to be done. We stress responsible riding, so that's part of it," said Owyhee Ridge Runners president Merle Ebbers of the group's reasoning to volunteer time.

Ebbers said the group loaded two truckloads of garbage during the weekend, including cans, bottles, dead animals and garbage bags filled with household garbage.

Ebbers' message is simple:

"If everybody packed out more than they pack in, it wouldn't be a problem."

Ebbers said those interested in learning more about the Owyhee Ridge Runners ATV and snowmobile club can contact him at 337-3312.

— JWB





ATV club cleans Succor Creek

Owyhee Ridgerunners, a local ATV and snowmobile club, held cleanup activities at Succor Creek State Park last weekend. The group's goal beautifying the area by removing trash. Submitted photos



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Valley poster contest Workplace safety means

something different to everyone. West Valley Medical Center tapped into the creative talents of local youth for a visual lesson about occupational safety hazards for its employees by inviting the children of hospital staff members to enter a Safety Poster Contest in observance of June's National Occupational Safety Month.

Last week, 11-year-old Homedale Middle School student Shelby Lee was announced as the winner of one of two \$100 savings bonds as top prize in the contest. Lee is the daughter of West Valley Wilder Clinic employee Lori Lee.

Shelby Lee won the savings bond in the 9- to 12-year-old age

West Valley CEO Kathy Moore presented Lee and 5-8 age group winner Jordan Parmer of Nampa with savings bonds late last week.

The posters of both girls will be submitted to Hospital Corporation of America for a nationwide corporate contest to find artwork for the organization's Safety Calendar.

"Workplace safety is important for all members of the workforce and the visiting public that comes into our establishments," Moore said. "We are very pleased and appreciative of all the participating youth that helped to improve safety awareness for our hospital employees."



Homedale student wins award

Shelby Lee shows off the artwork that won her a \$1,000 savings bond in a West Valley Medical Center workplace safety post contest. Submitted photo

A total of 32 local youth participated in the poster contest. West Valley also recognized contest participants by awarding each with a day pass to Roaring Springs Water Park. The posters are currently on display inside West Valley to remind hospital employees about workplace safety issues.

Mild suggestion

A motorist hits the brakes while entering Homedale via East Idaho Avenue. Homedale Police Department set up the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office speed trailer to remind drivers of the speed limit. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller recently said he planned to ask to borrow the trailer for the Fourth of July holiday as well as fair week.



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Homedale students win economic competition

The Homedale High School Economic Summit team gave Brenda Paxton an excellent going-away present by winning a competition in Caldwell.

Paxton served as advisory for a group of teams that competed at Albertson College of Idaho. She left Homedale High School after the school year for a job with the Idaho Arts Charter School.

But her students sent her out on top, placing first overall in the competition that required students to form market strategies and conduct business as national governments.

The summit allows students to apply the principles and skills that they have learned in the classroom.

"The class curriculum for the economic summit is aligned with the state standards," Paxton said. "It's just a fun way to teach some of those state standards."

The teams were graded in several areas:

- Strategic plan
- Cultural aspects, including costumes and table decorations inside the Albertson gymnasium
- Geography
- Economics test
- Internal improvements for their country
- Meeting import goals, which is the most crucial part of the contest
- Writing and submitting a trade issue paper
- Obtaining a bank loan
- Developing trade alliances to obtain breaks on import tariffs.

Homedale took 13 teams to the summit. Paxton said there are usually between 250 and 400 students from throughout the valley at these summits, which are held twice a year.

Teams are required to set



North Korea players win for Homedale

Four Homedale High School students won the overall prize at the Economic Summit in Caldwell despite a difficult and controversial trade issue topic. Submitted photo

up a world market and buy commodities that they will need to run their respective countries and uphold infrastructures. Paxton likened the trading portion of the summit to the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

The school's Team North Korea submitted an ironic trade issue paper speaking out against human trafficking for a communist country not known for its human rights.

Despite the difficult trade issue debate topic, North Korea won the overall championship and the costume contest.

North Korea was joined by fellow Homedale teams China and Malaysia in the top 10 of the trade issue debate standings.

Another Homedale team, India, was second in costume. The team included Ann Nguyen, a exchange student from Vietnam, Kristin

Phifer, Chanda Cox, Joshua Myers and Matson Lyon.

Team Chile, including Amie Alvarez, Jacob Anthony, Kiaya Combs and Elizabeth Calderon, placed first among third-world countries.

Paxton has sent teams to the summit for the past four years, and she said the event takes some of the perceived monotony out of learning economics.

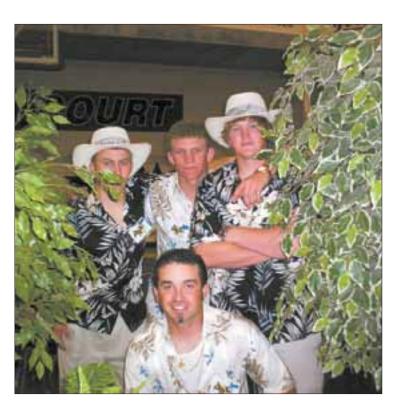
"In all the years I've taught, I'd call it really the most innovative tool I've probably ever used," Paxton said. "It's not boring."

— ЈРВ



New massage therapist starts Monday at Rapha

Former Homedale resident Mandy Shenk rubs down Wilder resident Bob Stirm on Friday at Rapha Therapeutic Massage in Homedale. The 21-year-old Shenk is the daughter of Eldon and Sherry Sheets. She recently completed her education to become a certified massage therapist at Boise's Apollo College, where she also received an Associates degree in Applied Science. She also completed a 90-hour internship at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise where she worked with cancer patients and post-partum patients. Shenk and her husband, Michael, live in Caldwell. Shenk's first official day at Rapha will be Monday. She will be available by appointment Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Also on Monday, Rapha Therapeutic Massage will change its hours, expanding its days of operation from four days a week to six days a week (Monday through Saturday). "I'm really excited about it," Shenk said. "It's nice to start a new career and not have to drive to Boise everyday." Call 919-3782 to make an appointment with Shenk, or 695-7228 to make an appointment with Stacey Fisher.



Team Colombia gets in the spirit

Decked out in tropical clothing, Homedale High School seniors, clockwise from top, Kevin Nettleton, Bryan Martinat, Jared Brockett and Ryan Johnson, enjoyed their time at Albertson College of Idaho. Submitted photo

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Owyhee County Fourth of July

Doubling up at derby is difficult

Whoever is left standing when the dust settles at the close of the silver anniversary Homedale Lions Fourth of July Destruction Derby truly can be crowned a survivor.

Organizers say 700 cars have been destroyed since the derby first invaded the fairgrounds in 1982.

That's an average of 28 cars each year.

In light of those numbers, the 19 men and one woman who have survived the annual Fourth of July vehicle bash can count themselves among a truly elite group.

Five drivers have managed to repeat as champions at some point during the derby's history.

Kevin Ensley, the father of one of the 2007 competitors and an uncle to another, is the only man to pull off the three-peat. He won each year from 1983 to 1985.

Ensley drove a Chevrolet station wagon to win his first championship in the derby's second year. In 1984, he drove something called "Swamp Thing" to his second title.

He closed out his winning ways in 1985.

It would be another six years until someone won back-toback championships. Roger DeAugustineo captured the 1990 derby then wowed the crowd at the fairgrounds again in 1991.

In 1992, Homedale's Crawford Cook won the first of his two championships. He survived the melee six years later.

But Cook doesn't have the longest gap between titles.

Mark Bauer, now a teacher with the Canyon-Owyhee Schools Services Agency, shared the inaugural championship with Alan Bahem 25 years ago. Bauer won a coin flip to see who would take that first trophy home.

Bauer pocketed the coin and

the first-place check outright in

Since then, Bauer has crossed over. Instead of cracking up old beaters, he spends his free time restoring and maintaining classic

The most recent repeat champion is Leonard Hurd of Emmett. He won his second championship a year ago, driving a Lincoln Continental.

The 2003 champion while piloting a 1964 Chrysler Imperial, Hurd is deployed overseas and won't defend the championship.

Details on the type of cars used to win the championships over the years are sketchy, but the king cars have been Chryslers.

Payette's Dusten DeCaney, who is in the field this year, won in a 1970 Chrysler station wagon in 2005. Now he's trying Hurd's strategy and bringing a 1968 Continental to the rodeo this year.

There have been some prominent champions to stand tall at the end of the night over the years, too.

Homedale High School softball coach Larry Corta drove a 1964 Imperial to the title in 2002.

Dave Freelove won the 2000 championship while serving as a Homedale city councilman.

Current Homedale School District Board of Trustees chair Kurt Shanley won in 1989.

But with all the history packed (or is it smashed?) into 25 years of twisted metal memories, Jessica Egurrola DeGeus probably has the biggest slice of notoriety.

In 2001, she strapped into a 1972 Chrysler New Yorker and became the first woman to win the derby. That year, she was competing in memory of her father-in-law Clarence DeGeus.



Last year's champ misses the field

Leonard Hurd of Emmett, who won his second Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby title a year ago, won't be in action this year because he has been deployed overseas.



Tough act will follow

Treasure Valley cover band Straight Shooter, fronted by lead singer Beau Bonds, center, will cap Wednesday's night of demolition derby action with a concert at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. Submitted photo

Post-destruction band plays Ozzy to Orbison

Busy Straight Away to show off wide range Wednesday at fairgrounds

band's repertoire, it could be suggested that organizers of the Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby turn down the volume on the fireworks Wednesday.

Straight Away, the latest incarnation of Treasure Valley Top 40 band Straight Shooter, will perform after the derby at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds. The band takes the stage after completion of the 25th anniversary

"I guess we're going to get up and play after they're done crashing the cars and during the fireworks," lead singer Beau Bonds said. "This will be a

The members of Straight Away, who hail from points throughout the Treasure Valley, are no strangers to live performances, though.

The band's summer schedule kicked off June 2 at Star Mule Days, and includes club dates as well as special engagements throughout the valley.

They'll play The Caldwell Night Rodeo dances at O'Connor Field House for the fourth consecutive year Aug. 16-18.

"Including club gigs, we have around 40-50 dates a year," Bonds said. "We stay pretty busy."

Tonight's performance is the only summer date in Owyhee

Judging from the featured County for the band, which plays a wide variety of songs from a diverse list of artists. Bonds has toured internationally

> and has spent time singing in Nashville for major music The rest of the band includes

guitarists Scott Foust and Kurt Sackett, bassist Greg Dennett and drummer Jerry Dayton. Most of the band members have

known each other for 15 or 20 years, said Bonds, who has been in the fold for about four years.

There is some new blood in the lineup, though, with a drummer and guitar player joining the group only recently. The first gig as Straight Away came May 26 at Ste. Chapelle Winery.

"We're surprised with the new guys," Bonds said. "It's actually coming together real well, but over the years the other guys have played together quite a bit."

While Bonds is billed as the lead singer, he says his bandmates can belt out five-part harmonies with ease.

"Everybody sings," he said. "If someone is not singing lead, they're singing harmony."

The band's history stretches beyond the valley and local gigs. As Straight Shooter, they played Las Vegas and opened for such country stars as John Michael Montgomery and Lorrie Morgan. The band even played



as country singer Chad Brock's backing musicians during an Idaho performance.

But don't let the band's history fool you. There is much more to the set list than country.

Songs sprinkled into the rotation include work by diverse rock 'n' roll, country and R&B artists such as Tom Petty, Dion, The Temptations, The Hollies, Marshall Tucker Band, Roy Orbison, Bob Seger, Dwight Yoakam, Toby Keith, the Eagles, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Georgia Satellites, John Cougar, Steve Miller, Jimmy Buffett, Van Morrison and Eric Clapton.

The band also has been known to play tunes by rockers Ozzy Osbourne, Aerosmith and Van Halen and early 1990s pop band Spindoctors.

And, with the derby being held on Fourth of July, there's more than a gambler's chance that you'll hear Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA."

The majority of the songs are pretty complex, so this is no ordinary bar band.

"We're just high energy," Bonds said. "We're very entertaining, and we do a wide variety of

"Something for everybody is what we kind of try to do."

— JPB

Owyhee County Fourth of July

Bruneau/Grand View

Black Sands Resort to set off fireworks

While Grand View plans no municipal festivities to celebrate the Fourth of July, nearby Black Sands Resort on CJ Strike Reservoir has got the eastern side of Owyhee County covered.

The resort will present a fireworks show at dark Wednesday.

The resort is located at 28114 Black Sand Road in Grand View. The phone number is (208) 834-

Wilder

All-day celebration will include parade

Wilder will have a day chock full of events, but the centerpiece will be something unique to neighboring communities of Homedale and Marsing — a parade.

"Women of the West" is the theme of this year's Fourth of July celebration in Wilder, and a parade will be held at noon.

The celebration in the city park runs from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and includes food booths, children's rides and raffles.

The parade will feature competitive categories for horses and floats, with each classification winner earning \$25.

The top three floats will earn \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively.

Horse categories include best horse-drawn vehicle, best juvenile, best adult, best pairs for juveniles and adults, and best group.

For more information on the parade, call Tamara Patrick at 697-3571.

After the parade, the Howling Coyote Band will perform from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A fireworks show will be presented at dark.

Information on booths at city park can be obtained by calling Wilder City Hall at 482-6204.

Melba

Tractor pull, car show warm up to fireworks

of July Celebration is an allday affair that shows off the community's willingness to come

Organizers say the Melba fireworks show, coordinated by Ron Wright and Fireworks America, has been called one of the best in the valley. And that's only the capper for a day of entertainment for all ages.

Not bad for an event that is run by volunteers and fueled exclusively by donations.

This year's celebration begins at 8 a.m. with a fun run. Registration for the run begins at 7 a.m.

Parade participants will begin their lineup at 9 a.m. as the arts and crafts faire and food booths open at the elementary school.

The parade starts at 10:30 a.m., and a classic car show commences after the conclusion of the parade.

Children's games open at 11 a.m. at the park to complement

Melba's Olde Tyme Fourth other activities such as a tractor pull, rides and jumps, including something called the "infamous Chicken Round Up," and a horseshoe competition.

A fried chicken lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Melba Senior Center.

Stage entertainment begins at noon, while the horseshoe pitching contest and Chicken Round Up start at 2 p.m.

From 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., music billed as for teenagers through 20-somethings will be played by Blinding Spyre.

The fireworks display begins

Donations to help the event are tax-deductible, and checks made payable to Melba 4th of July can be mailed to Melba 4th of July, P.O. Box 44, Melba, ID 83641.

For more information, call event committee chair Doug Parson at 495-1166, Kathie Longbrake at 495-1177 or Margie Jacobs at 495-2669.

Marsing

Different day, same fun times

Marsing's unique approach younger than 12. A family ticket to celebrating the nation's independence continues Tuesday with the annual Third of July festivities around town.

The fun begins at 6 p.m. sharp barbecue at City Park.

The food is served on a firstcome, first-served basis, and meal tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, \$5 for children ages 12-16, \$3 for children costs \$30.

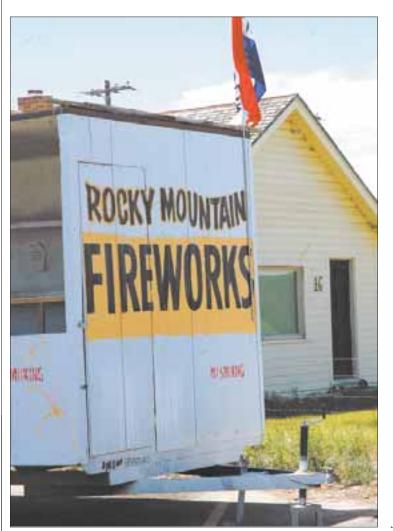
After the barbecue, the Doodlebug Derby will be held in the creek that runs through City Park. The race is sponsored by the with the Marsing Lions Club's Lions, the Marsing Chamber of Commerce and Marsing American Legion Post 128.

Participants can buy doodlebugs for \$3 each or five for \$10. Top prize is \$250, with the secondplace ping-pong ball earning its

owner \$125. Third place pays

For tickets, call Bob Malmberg, a member of Lions and the Marsing Fire District, at 896-4204 or 896-4161.

Fireworks will be launched over the Snake River from Marsing International Sprintboat Track at dark. Malmberg said Big John's Fireworks helps supply the munitions, and members of the volunteer fire crew set them off.



Owyhee keeps tight leash on pyrotechnics traders

Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui said that stringent regulations require anyone who intends to sell fireworks commercially in Owyhee County must sign a contract with fire districts vowing not to sell illegal

County fire officials: Blazes triggered by fireworks rare

While there will be plenty of opportunities to see professional fireworks Tuesday and Wednesday night, fireworks stands will be selling pyrotechnics to Fourth of July revelers as well.

Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui stressed that illegal fireworks are prohibited in the city and rural fire district, and that fireworks stand operators in the county are required to sign forms stating that they won't sell illegal fireworks.

Salutregui, who has been Homedale chief for five years, said commenting on the number of fires sparked by fireworks each year is a thorny subject because it's not always easy to determine the cause of a fire.

But he did say that the dry conditions created by a lack of meaningful precipitation in recent weeks could challenge firefighters.

"This year could be very heavy," Salutregui said, "and we want people to be cautious when using fireworks."

On the other side of the county, Grand View Fire Chief Terry Carothers said that the volunteer force tries to lesson the fuel load in the area by knocking down "dry wheat problems" in the district.

He said that, overall, the district's fire calls were up 6 percent over the last five-year average, but that no specific cause could be cited. He stressed that fireworks-related fires are extremely rare

"I would guess in the last 10 years we've had four or five fires,"

"I think we're just in a county where parents are more aware of what happens (with their children."

Carothers said that even though volunteer firemen visit schools to talk about fire safety and fireworks, he doesn't believe those outreach sessions have as much impact as a parent's guiding hand in the fight to keep dry vegetation from burning around Fourth of July.

Attempts to contact officials with the Marsing Fire District were unsuccessful.

— JPB

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Martinat wins another buckle, saddle

Homedale High School graduate Bryan Martinat won his second consecutive Idaho High School Rodeo Association state championship in saddle bronc last weekend in Pocatello. Photo by WT Bruce Photography

Martinat gets another buckle at state rodeo

Homedale grad repeats as saddle bronc champion

Maybe this Bryan Martinat kid has a future in rodeo after all.

The 2007 Homedale High School graduate pulled off the repeat last week at the Idaho High School Finals Rodeo, all but lapping the field to win the saddle brone championship.

The victory qualified Martinat for the National High School Finals Rodeo, which takes place July 19-28 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ill.

Martinat, who also won the state championship as a junior, scored 210 points and won two of the three go-rounds at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello.

Martinat spends his summers on the rodeo circuit. He won the state title as a junior only four months after breaking his leg in a district wrestling tournament.

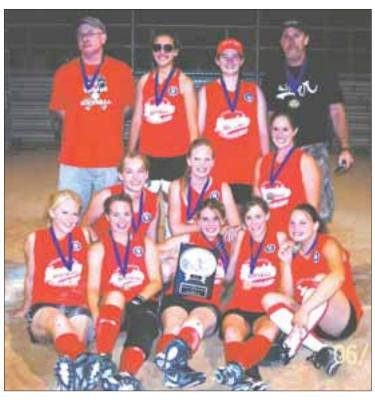
Last week, he scored 81 points in the first go for the rodeo's only 80-point ride. He also beat second Bailey Tubbs by 69 points, which essentially amounted to a lead of a full go-round.

Melba's Austin Clow will join Martinat at the national rodeo after finishing second in the boys cutting competition (411.5 points) and fourth in calf roping (41.09). He was 26th in steer wrestling.

On the girls side, Melba's Kenna Muchow won the breakaway

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Tri-County champions ready for State

Two Homedale softball teams are heading for state tournaments next month. At left is the 12U team after its win at the Tri-County tournament. At right is the Silverhawk Realty-sponsored team from Homedale, another Tri-County champion, that includes: Front row, left to right, Megan Harper, Caitlyn Johnson, Taylor Thomas, Ashlynne Uria and Sara Adams; Middle row, left to right, Sarah Maggard, Mackenzie Tiegs and Jessica Westergard; Back row, left to right: Steve Maggard, coach, Carmen Zatica, Brook Fry and Roger Westergard, coach. Not pictured: Barney Harper, coach. Submitted photo

Homedale softball teams head for State

Two youth softball teams from Homedale have qualified for Babe Ruth state tournaments, which will be held July 9 through July 14 in Boise.

The Silverhawk Realtysponsored softball team from Homedale won the Tri-County U14 championship in dramatic fashion earlier this month in Kuna. The team will play in the Babe Ruth U14 state tournament in Boise.

The 12U team competes in the American Softball Association state tournament July 6-8 in Nampa before moving on to the Babe Ruth All-Star State Tournament from July 9 to July 12 in Boise.

The U14 team began the Tri-County tournament with a 12-9 loss to Meridian Red. Silverhawk rebounded with an 11-4 victory over Homedale Blue, which set up a marathon day June 15.

Silverhawk played three games in less than six hours, beating Vallivue Gold, 7-2, and Meridian Gold, 7-4, to reach the

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Idaho Rally

Changes in store for '08

Promoter wants to move to west end of county

by Brian Calkins

Jens Schkade ran a successful first-time Idaho Rally 2007 earlier this month, and after taking one week off to relax, he's getting ready to put together the next one.

Primary items on the list for the 2008 version include changing the race date to avoid conflict with other big rallies, lengthening the race course to qualify as a national competition and moving the event farther west in Owyhee County.

Schkade, a German native who moved to Idaho a few years ago, has been a fan of auto racing all his life, especially the road rallies that passed near his hometown. After moving to Grand View, he missed the races so he decided to promote on his own. After contacting race associations that sanction road rallies, he made plans and

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Marsing ready to mount tourney run

Marsing Minors (9- to 10-year-olds) baseball player Brett Grossman fires a pitch toward the plate during a regular-season Snake River Valley Baseball League game against the Wilder Wildcats. Marsing will play in the season-ending league tournament this weekend at Sundance Park. Submitted photo

Baseball tourneys set for Sundance

Marsing sends four teams to compete against other west valley squads

The Snake River Valley Baseball League's resurgence will be the focal point at Sundance Park this week.

The youth baseball league will hold season-ending tournaments for its Minors Division (9- and 10-year-olds) and Majors Division (11-12) on Friday and Saturday at the Homedale baseball complex.

According to league director Rich Cook, a 1984 Homedale High School graduate, the Snake River league has been around for decades, but is in the midst of a reorganization after falling apart a year ago.

"I'm anticipating that the first annual SRV Baseball Tournament will be a huge success," Cook said. "I would also likee to thank everybody that got involved with this league and tournament. Without their help and knowledge, we never would have been able to pull this thing together.

Marsing has two teams entered in both tournaments this week. Richard Pacini and Jim Briggs are the Minors coaches, while Barry Kendall and Tony Fisher lead the town's Majors teams.

Fisher's Marsing 2 squad kicks off the Majors tournament at 5:30 p.m. Friday against Notus. Kendall's squad has a first-round bye in the double-elimination tournament and will face the winner of the Parma-Melba game at 7:15 p.m. Friday.

The fifth team in the tournament, Wilder, has a first-round bye and will take on the Marsing 2-Notus winner at 7:15 Friday.

In the Minors tournament,

Briggs' Marsing 2 plays Melba 2 at 5:30 p.m. Friday, while Pacini leads Marsing 1 into battle against Parma at 7:15 Friday. If both Marsing squads win their opening games, they'll face off at 8 a.m. Saturday in a quarterfinal game.

Other teams in the Minors bracket include Wilder, Melba 1, Parma and Notus.

Championship games for both tournaments will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Second title games, if necessary, will follow 15 minutes after the completion of the 3:30 starts.

Cook said Sundance provides the perfect atmosphere to bring out the fun of the sport for the participants.

"When the kids have a great facility to play on, it seems to make it more enjoyable for them,"

The Snake River league also included developmental teams such as T-Ball and Coach-Pitch as well as 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14 leagues for girls softball and at least one Babe Ruth entry.

Marsing fielded three teams each in T-Ball and Coach-Pitch as well as girls teams in 9-10 and 11-12 and 13-14. The town also had a Babe Ruth squad.

Homedale's involvement included three T-Ball squads and two Coach-Pitch teams.

— JPB

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Homedale tries to field youth soccer teams

Homedale City Recreation organizers currently are gauging interest for forming youth soccer teams to compete in the Vallivue Youth Soccer League in the fall

The season begins in September, and all games will be played at Central Canyon Elementary School in Caldwell. Organizers say that practices will be held in Homedale if enough players and coaches can be recruited from town.

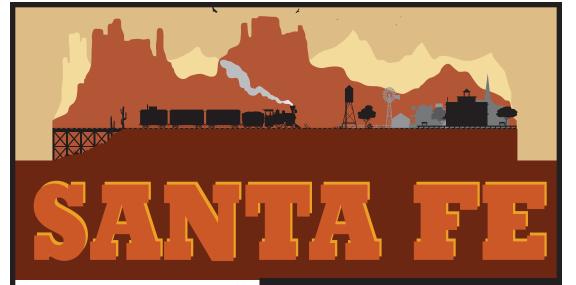
If fewer participants come forward, Homedale players will be placed on teams based in Canyon County.

Registration forms are available at Homedale City Hall

on Wyoming Avenue, or they can be downloaded from the Internet at www.vallivueyouthsoccer.

Completed registration forms and fees must be turned in at city hall

Registration deadline for all U6 through U10 participants is June 29.













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√ **Changes:** Promoter hopes to get race on national schedule next year

From Page 14 produced a successful inaugural rally in which competitors raced on closed county roads in the Bruneau-Grand View area.

Eleven out-of-state race teams showed up for the event, which Schkade said will become part of the national schedule next year.

This year, according to Schkade "was a pre-run to make sure (the Idaho Rally 2007 organization) is capable of running a national event." The pre-run was a success if the opinions of the personnel of NASA (National Auto Sport Association) Rally Sport are any indication. Paula Gibeault of Rim of the World Rally said that she "has never seen a first-time promoter do so much." Others who have been to many tarmac (asphalt) road rallies shared her views.

Schkade said plans for next year include increasing the total "stage" miles, or the total miles competitors cover during the timed event.

"You have to have 90 to 100 stage miles for a national



Promoter ready for the big time

Grand View resident Jens Schkade stands near the intersection of Blacksand and River roads while talking about the success and future of the Idaho Rally auto race in Owyhee County. Photo by Brian Calkins

championship race", he said.

Schkade also said that he will try to pick roads that are more challenging that will make the cars bring the speeds down. He "liked the roads here ... they were just really fast," he said. The roads were good for the event and the drivers, but roads with

less straight portions are more challenging and also safer.

Schkade also said that for next year he will be looking for roads that are farther west in Owyhee County

When he picked the roads this year he figured out the routes and then talked to the neighboring

residents and county board of commissioners to apply for permits. After the permit process was completed, he had only a few months left to organize the race.

Rally races are run in legs, or stages, with each stage being two of more miles in distance. Race cars start out individually at 1-minute intervals in a closed section of paved road and race against the clock instead of against each other. The times are added up at the end of each stage, and the team with the shortest time at the end of the event is the winner.

Bruce Davis of Sacramento, Calif., and co-driver Jimmy Brandt were crowned Idaho Rally 2007 champions after the inaugural race on June 16.

A rally team consists of three components: a driver, a co-driver (who gives directions) and a maintenance crew.

Most rallies in the United States and even in the rest of the world are run on dirt and gravel roads; some combine dirt gravel and tarmac (asphalt). Only one other rally in the U.S. is run entirely on tarmac and that is in New York state, so this rally in Idaho is not only a unique event but could become popular with some of the best drivers in North America.

Schkade said he will try to shift the 2008 event date around to accommodate as many race teams as possible. This year's rally conflicted with a race sanctioned by the Canadian Rally Championship Series.

Finally on the agenda for the 2008 race is expansion of the parent organization, Rally Drift Inc. Schkade said the corporation needs to include two to five more people either as officers or volunteers to assist in getting things done.

"(This year), I ran the whole show until the last week," Schkade said. "Next year I want to run the politics side (meeting with government officials) and deal with financing."

He also said he will leave much of the organizing of volunteers and course workers to others.

Tourney to help jr. golfer $\sqrt{\text{Softball:}}$ get to Callaway Worlds 12U team

The River Bend Men's Golf Association will sponsor a fundraising golf tournament Sunday, July 8, at the Wilder course.

Proceeds from the fourperson scramble and subsequent barbecue will help River Bend junior golf Michelle Gooding compete in the Callaway Junior World Championships, scheduled for July 16-20 in San Diego.

A golfer at Vallivue High School and a resident of Greenleaf, Gooding recently qualified for the

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prestigious tournament.

River Bend's benefit nine-hole tournament will begin at 6 p.m. on July 8. The entry fee of \$40 per player includes greens fee, half a cart rental and the post-tournament barbecue. Single players are welcome and will be matched with teams. The tournament is open to both men and women.

The entry deadline is 1 p.m. Friday, July 6.

A raffle also will be held. Donations of cash and raffle prizes are welcome.

Turn in entry fees at the River Bend clubhouse or mail entries and donations to RBMGA, P.O. Box 1093, Homedale, ID 83628.



√ **Softball:** 12U team runs season mark to 17-0

From Page 14

championship game.

The squad, coached by Roger Westergard, Steve Maggard and Barney Harper, beat Kuna 11-10 in its final at-bat to grab the championship. The game ended at 11:15 p.m.

The 12U squad wrapped up the Tri-County tournament championship by beating Vallivue, 20-4, in a tournament championship game. The victory, which came in three innings because of the 15-run mercy rule, was Homedale's 17th win without a loss this season.

The team is coached by Troy and Delores Rice and Shelley Shenk.

"We would like to thank all of the parents who believe in us and stuck with us through the season," coaches Troy and Delores Rice said in a press release. "We enjoy coaching this fine group of young ladies and look forward to many more seasons in the years to come."

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Melba's Muchow takes breakaway crown

Kenna Muchow of Melba won the breakaway roping state championship in Pocatello. Photo by WT Bruce Photography

√ **Rodeo:** Several Owyhee athletes reach Silver State

From Page 14 championship.

The top four competitors in each event qualify for the national rodeo.

The remaining cowboys and cowgirls who place in the top 10 earn passage to the Silver State International Rodeo, which is set to begin in Fallon, Nev., on Monday. It runs through July 7.

Five athletes with local ties are eligible to make the trip to the Nevada town due east of Reno.

Marsing graduate Kallie Roeser earned return trips to Silver State in goat tying and pole bending. She finished sixth in the state competition in goat tying (25.05 seconds, total time), and was 10th in pole bending (70.456 total time). Roeser also finished seventh in the state girls all around. Roeser also finished 11th in barrel racing.

Jordan Valley's Brandan Mackenzie teamed with Adrian's Bryan Reay to capture eighth in team roping with a total time of 64.39. Mackenzie finished 12th in the boys all around, while taking home 15th in the saddle bronc.

Melba cowgirl Kayla Tiegs was fifth in goat tying with a 25.92 total time. Tiegs was 12th in breakaway roping and finished 10th in the girls all around.

Other Owyhee athletes couldn't advance to the next level.

Jordan Valley's Dusty Easterday was 17th in saddle bronc.

Homedale's Ryan Davis finished 24th in steer wrestling, while teammate Rye Hyer was 37th. Hyer also finished 14th in the boys all around.

Marsing's Kortni Scott placed 11th in breakaway roping.

Melba's Josh Dygert grabbed 41st in calf roping.

Two Marsing cowboys finished in the top 35 in the team roping. Jared Thompson and Marsing's Kelsey Cook picked up no time in the second go while placing 24th. Marsing's Troy Dines teamed with Tyler Slate to grab 35th.

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One party idea that's sure to please is a "Friday Night Fiesta." Serve store-bought tortilla chips and salsa as an appetizer to keep hunger at bay, so your guests can concentrate on simple but delicious Mexican-inspired recipes.

Chicken Enchiladas is a terrific entrée to prepare in a group because you can assign everyone a small task, like chopping the onions or shredding the cheese. Combine Campbell's Cream of Chicken soup and Monterey Jack cheese with authentic ingredients like chili powder and green chilies to create enchiladas that are mucho delicioso.

Another dish that's perfect for a crowd is Southwestern Beef Cornbread Bake. This hearty casserole features tomato soup along with zesty spices, meat, cheese and corn for a satisfying addition

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Chicken Enchiladas

Prep Time: 20 minutes / Bake Time: 25 minutes Makes: 4 servings

- 1 10 3/4-ounce can *Campbell's* Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular *or* 98% Fat Free)
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- tablespoon butter
- medium onion, chopped (about 1/2 cup) teaspoon chili powder
- cups chopped cooked chicken *or* turkey
 4-ounce can chopped green chilies
 8-inch flour tortillas, warmed
 cup shredded Cheddar *or* Monterey Jack cheese

1. Stir soup and sour cream in small bowl.

- 2. Heat butter in 2-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and chili powder and cook until tender. Add chicken, chilies and 2 tablespoons
- soup mixture.

 3. Spread 1/2 cup soup mixture in an 11- by 8-inch (2-quart) shallow baking dish. Spoon about 1/4 cup chicken mixture down center of each tortilla. Roll up tortillas and place seam-side down in baking dish. Spoon remaining soup mixture over filled tortillas. Top with cheese.
- 4. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until enchiladas are hot and bubbly.

Chicken

Southwestern Beef Cornbread Bake Southwestern **Beef Cornbread Bake**

Prep Time: 10 minutes / Bake Time: 30 minutes Makes: 5 servings

- pound ground beef medium onion, chopped (about 1/2 cup) 10 3/4-ounce can Campbell's Condensed Tomato
- Soup cup water tablespoon chili powder

- can (about 8 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained 12-ounce package corn muffin mix
- egg, beaten
- cup milk 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 ounces)
- 1. Heat oven to 350°F.
- Cook beef and onion in 10-inch skillet over medium-high
- heat until well browned, stirring frequently. Pour off fat. Stir in soup, water, chili powder and corn. Heat to a boil.
- Spoon beef mixture into an 11- by 8-inch (2-quart) shallow 4. Stir corn muffin mix, egg and milk in a bowl until just com-
- bined. (Mixture will be lumpy.) Spoon corn muffin mixture over beef mixture.
- 5. Bake 30 minutes or until cornbread is golden brown. Sprinkle

Cheesy Chicken & Rice Casserole

Prep Time: 5 minutes / Bake Time: 50 minutes / Stand Time: 10 minutes Makes: 4 servings

- 1 10 3/4-ounce can *Campbell's* Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
- cups water
- 3/4 cup uncooked regular long-grain white rice
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper 2 cups fresh *or* frozen mixed vegetables
- skinless, boneless chicken breast halves 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1. Stir soup, water, rice, onion powder, pepper and
- vegetables in 11- by 8-inch (2-quart) shallow baking dish.
- 2. Top with chicken; season chicken as desired. Cover.
- 3. Bake at 375°F for 50 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and rice is tender. Let casserole stand 10 minutes before serving. Stir rice. Top

Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo

Prep Time: 5 minutes / Cook Time: 20 minutes

- 1/2 16-ounce package linguine
- cup fresh *or* frozen broccoli flowerets tablespoons butter
- pound skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into cubes
- 1 10 3/4-ounce can *Campbell's* Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)
- 1/2 cun milk
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1. Prepare linguine according to package directions in 4-quart saucepan. Add broccoli during last 4 minutes of cooking time. Drain linguine and broccoli in colander.
- 2. Heat butter in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook until well browned,
- stirring often.

 3. Stir soup, milk, cheese, pepper and linguine mixture into skillet. Heat until hot and bubbling, stirring occasionally. Serve with additional

Easy Substitution Tip: Substitute spaghetti for

Cheddar Potato Bake

Prep Time: 10 minutes / Bake Time: 30 minutes Makes: 8 servings

- 2 cups water
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup milk
- cups instant potato flakes or buds
- 10 3/4-ounce can *Campbell's* Condensed Cheddar Cheese Soup
- cup sour cream or plain yogurt Generous dash ground black pepper
- medium green onion, chopped (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1. Heat water and butter in 2-quart saucepan over high heat to a boil; remove from heat. Stir in milk. Slowly stir in potatoes.
- Stir the potatoes, soup, sour cream, black pepper and green onion in 1 1/2-quart casserole.
 Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until hot.

1/3 cup sour cream

Swiss Vegetable Casserole

Makes: 4 servings

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Prep Time: 5 minutes / Bake Time: 45 minutes

1 10 3/4-ounce can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)

- 1 16-ounce bag frozen vegetable combination (broccoli, cauliflower, carrots), thawed
- 1 2.8-ounce can French-fried onions
- (1 1/3 cups) 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1. Stir soup, sour cream, pepper, vegetables, 2/3 cup onions and 1/4 cup cheese in 2-quart casserole. Cover. 2. Bake at 350°F for 40 minutes or until vegetables
- are tender. Stir.
- 3. Top with remaining onions and cheese. Bake 5 minutes more or until onions are golden brown.

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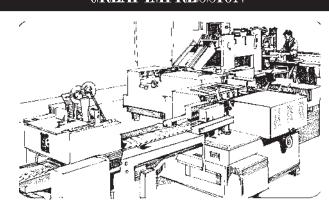
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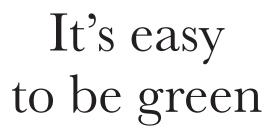
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Commentary

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On the edge of common sense



Never was my observation "It's easy to be green when it's not personal," more obvious than today. As population increases and suburbanization encroaches on previously rural countryside, each new settler or squatter must face their own deleterious impact on the environment.

Most people do not have the luxury or the desire to buy 90 acres, build a house in the corner, and leave the rest as a prairie dog town. It's easier to buy or build a house on a lot in a development that already has been clear-cut and zoned residential. Kiss the prairie dog, coyote, spotted owl, Spikedace, minnow, wetland, and farmer or rancher habitat goodbye. Out of sight, out of mind.

When the developer and city council rezoned and annexed the development, they based their decision on what was personal to them ... money and tax receipts. For the new homeowner, any 'guilt or concern' they might have had over their personal impact is simply out of sight, out of mind. Yet, it is often these same "Now that I've got mine, I draw the line!" newcomers that support the stringent, sometimes justified but often frivolous, restrictive edicts on others' private property.

It's a good system. The new homeowner can feel good about funding the Sierra Club or Wildlife Defense Fund, the developer moves to the next farm to begin again, and the City Manager gets a better job in another state. Not to mention the farmer that sold out. He can retire and move into a new suburban development closer to the grandchildren or the golf course.

I think of it as the inexorable roll of civilization. It gobbles up the land and has since the pilgrims bought Manhattan for a string of beads and a lotto ticket.

There is one public figure who has steadfastly reminded us of our hypocrisy — he walks the walk and talks the talk — Mr. Ralph Nader. Republicans don't like him because he attacks big business. Democrats don't like him because he cost Al Gore the 2000 election. Republicans can't buy him off, and he peels the green veneer off Democrats.

I don't know how Mr. Nader feels about relocating prairie dogs (the "carbon offset" of the wildlife displacers) or global warming, nuclear power, modern agriculture, or condemning productive land to protect a minnow. Where does environmental protection end and consumer protection begin?

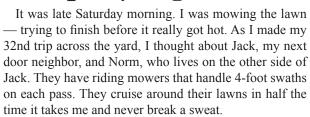
All I know is that as time goes by, his wisdom humbles me.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ...

but possibly of interest

Simplifying life is complicated



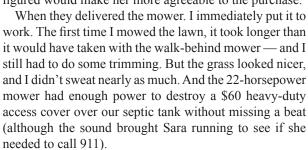
The farther I get into the summer, and the hotter the weather gets, the less I enjoy mowing the lawn. When I was younger, lawn-mowing season started in late April and ended in early September. Now it seems like it starts in late February and ends after Thanksgiving.

I decided it was time to uncomplicate my life. When I finished mowing the lawn, I told Sara I was going to look at riding lawn mowers. "Don't do anything foolish," she said

Our lawn has a lot of odd angles and bends. I decided the best bet would be one of those "zero-turn" mowers that can spin around in their own length and mow in close quarters. I test drove a nifty zero-turn mower. What wasn't nifty was the price — more than we paid for a brand-new Toyota Corona station wagon in 1972. I went home empty-handed, which I think surprised my partner in life.

Saturday night, I did some mower research on the Internet, and on Sunday we went to another store and looked at their zero-turn mowers. They were a little cheaper, but I decided to keep looking. More study revealed the zero-turn mower weighs 800 pounds. A conventional lawn tractor/mower weighs a lot less. I could see myself pulling the zero-turn mower into our storage shed and going right through the rotting wood floor.

I told my partner a conventional riding mower would be good enough. It would require me to modify some of the landscaping, but the work would be worth it. Besides, the conventional mower was a lot cheaper — a point that I figured would make her more agreeable to the purchase.



To shorten the mowing time, I tore out all the wooden border around the front yard, then buried the 4-inch-by-8-inch beams with the tops at ground level so they wouldn't interfere with the mower. Since our yard is composed of about 4 inches of soil over layers of caliche and lava rock, digging always is a lot of work.

Next, I pulled out six waterlogged railroad ties used as border in the backyard and hauled them to the dump. Then it occurred to us that as long as everything was torn up it would be a good time to replace and enlarge the cracked concrete patio. That meant digging out a large bush, about a cubic yard of crumbling decorative bark, four wheelbarrows full of gravel, removing one sprinkler and relocating another. Then there was the planter made from half a whiskey barrel, filled with dirt and flowers that had to be moved, intact, about 30 feet. I'm guessing it weighed a minimum of 500 pounds.

When the patio is finished, there still is about 100 feet of backyard border that needs to be modified and a flower bed and new border that should be built along the back fence. And eventually I have to figure how to put how to put a new foundation under the storage shed where we store the mower, and ...

Trying to uncomplicate one's life can sure be complicated.



Conservative Voice

Rosie wrong for 'Price Is Right'

by The Conservative Voice

Rosie O'Donnell made the right decision.

According to the LA Times, the producers of CBS game show "The Price is Right" were considering Rosie O'Donnell as a replacement for Bob Barker, who retired after 35 years of hosting the show. This news comes on the heels of Bob Barker's endorsement of Rosie as a suitable host for the show. This news begs the question: What on Earth are Barker and the CBS producers thinking?

O'Donnell stopped the madness earlier this week when she said she would not seek the job.

The longest-running daytime game show in history, The Price is Right is purely family entertainment; the idea of a host like Rosie O'Donnell — a public figure whose antifamily views are well-known — is problematic, to say the least. If CBS executives were counting on Rosie to host the show while leaving her lifestyle out of the picture, they were engaging in wishful thinking — discretion has never been Rosie's strong point.

From her earlier dust-ups over gun control and the termination of her 1999 contract with Kmart to her diatribes on "The View," Rosie has demonstrated political and moral views on a variety of topics that are out of step with mainstream America; furthermore, she has

insisted on foisting that on viewers regardless of the larger consequences. Though Bob Barker is no less liberal than Rosie, his on-screen persona was almost grandfatherly in its cordiality and respect. Rosie has shown herself incapable of a similar performance. While "The View" retained Rosie because the producers thought controversy would boost ratings, they almost certainly were not expecting Rosie's descent into the paranoia and ugliness of accusing U.S. soldiers of "terrorism" in Iraq, or blaming 9/11 on the federal government. Despite the fact that these beliefs are abhorrent to most Americans, and immoral in the extreme, Rosie continued to foist her bizarre and distasteful theories on the public.

Rosie as emcee would have been a big step down for CBS: from Barker's grandfatherly manner and superb business sense to Rosie's extremism and grandstanding.

This is the point that must be made to CBS executives before they meet with O'Donnell: retaining Rosie to host "The Price is Right" is bad business sense, and will lead to a drop in ratings. Rosie has shown that she is willing to torpedo a show's credibility in order to give voice to her political views. Her decision not to pursue "The Price is Right" job saved CBS from making the same mistake as ABC did when that network brought Rosie on "The View."

Commentary

Accuracy In Media

Pentagon spins media in military bride case

by Cliff Kincaid and Andy Selepak

The hard-hitting Web site MilitaryCorruption.com calls her the Paris Hilton of the Air Force. Some others call it the case of the "Runaway Military Bride."

Air Force Maj. Jill Metzger is an attractive blonde, 34-year-old newlywed and two-time Air Force Marathon winner who was reportedly abducted by thugs in Kyrgyzstan in September. She surfaced three days later and returned home. She said she overpowered her abductors and escaped. But local media in Kyrgyzstan claimed that she had been procuring an abortion. Her case has been under seemingly endless investigation by the FBI and U.S. military authorities.

In a major development, Military Corruption.com reported on June 12 in a copyrighted, exclusive investigative report that Metzger would be quietly retired Monday on a "disability" pension. Retired U.S. Army Maj. Glenn MacDonald, editor-in-chief of the Web site, said this favorable treatment is an outrage that reflects political correctness and fear of feminism in the highest reaches of the Pentagon.

Media cover-up

The major media ignored MacDonald's charges. Then, suddenly, an Associated Press story appeared, saying that Metzger was going on a voluntary leave of absence from the military. The AP reported that "Maj. Jill Metzger's 18-month leave will start next month, said her mother, Jeannette Metzger." MacDonald calls it disinformation and a diversion from the truth about what happened in this highly sensational case.

MacDonald's Web site reported that there is no such thing as an "18-month leave of absence" for an active duty member and there is no military regulation that will allow it. "We telephoned numerous Air Force personnel and administration people to get their opinion on this and were told there is no regulation that allows that," MacDonald said.

He also told AIM, "I am personally incensed by Air Force Times, which had a copy of our investigative article on Metzger, yet ignored our copyrighted and exclusive story and published an Associated Press dispatch containing erroneous information on Metzger that they knew was wrong. They froze us out. If that isn't censorship, what is?"

MacDonald said that he telephoned an editor June 13 to alert him that the content of the AP report was wrong and misleading, but Air Force Times continued to feature that misinformation as the lead story on its online edition.

Pleasing the powers that be

"I guess that will earn them more brownie points as they genuflect before their pals in the Pentagon public affairs office," MacDonald said, "but it is a disservice and insult to their readers to try and conceal all the facts about the Metzger case. Thousands of their readers also see MilitaryCorruption.com each day."

MacDonald told AIM, "I spoke with Air Force Times editor Kent Miller before this story went up, and he had lamely told me his reporters at Air Force Times called the Pentagon each week to see if there was anything 'new' in the Metzger case. He even admitted — his word — that he knew they were 'stonewalling' the paper. I asked the obvious question: then why didn't you have the balls to write an editorial or article saying you were being 'stonewalled' and asking 'What has the Air Force got to

hide?'

Even before MacDonald's story appeared, reporting that Metzger was being retired with a pension, various blogs were following the case, with one commenting, "We think the brass is waiting for the furor to blow over so they can then sneak 'silly jilly willy' out the back door with a big fat taxpayer-paid 100 percent medical pension (this while honorable women injured in Iraq receive far less)."

The heroine

The story of Metzger's disappearance was widely covered in the media, with CBS News reporting that the Kyrgyzstan Interior Ministry said Metzger and another U.S. servicewoman were recorded on a security camera entering the TsUM department store in central Bishkek. The cameras, however, showed Metzger leaving her companion just three minutes later.

Three days later, the AP and CBS News reported a remarkable tale of a heroic escape by Metzger from her captors. Metzger told the Kyrgyz police she had been abducted by three young men and a woman in a minibus and held in a rural area 30 miles from Bishkek. Metzger told Kyrgyz police chief Kemilbek Kiyazov that someone put a hard object and a note in her back pocket, saying it was an explosive. The note also included detailed instructions about where to go and what to do.

Kiyazov said the major reported that she was met by three men and a woman who put her into a vehicle, took her to a house and placed her in a dark room. Metzger reportedly said that she managed to escape after an abductor brought her food and she struck him.

MilitaryCorruption.com, which was suspicious of her story, noted that local media reported that Metzger was actually seeking an abortion. A television station provided details, even naming the medical facility that performs the procedure. According to this version of the story, Metzger had an extramarital affair and planned to have the abortion and return to the base the same day. But the abortion went badly and she had to stay at the medical facility for an extended length of time. That's when she realized that she had to come up with a cover story explaining where she was

Metzger and her family have refused to comment, except to say that they back up her story of being abducted and then freeing herself.

But if she was indeed abducted, why hasn't there been a full-court press by U.S. authorities to find her kidnappers and punish them?

Is there a reason why the Air Force would want the truth covered up?

Metzger was a poster child for the Air Force. What's more, her husband is an Air Force officer, her father-in-law is an Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI) agent, and her own father is a retired Air Force colonel.

Very Important Persons

So she has some very high-level connections

If it is true that Metzger made up the abduction story and in fact had an abortion, MilitaryCorruption.com reports that she could have violated the following regulations: disobeying an order because she didn't stay with her group in the store, knowing it was forbidden to wander off; making a false official statement; conduct unbecoming an officer; adultery; and fraternization.

On June 12, Lt. Col. Kathy Reardon, the Chief of the Air

Force Press Desk, told AIM that Metzger did disappear for three days and did turn up at a house in Kant, Kyrgyzstan. She said that Metzger did ask the occupants of the house to call the Kyrgyz police, who called the U.S. Embassy. Metzger was then sent to Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan for a medical evaluation, then off to the Ramstein AFB in Germany, and finally to Moody AFB in Georgia. She said that she was unable to divulge what, if anything, Metzger was treated for because of privacy laws. She also said privacy laws prevented her from discussing if Metzger has or had any medical issues that might necessitate a disability retirement pension.

Reardon said that the case was not closed and was being investigated by the OSI and the Department of Justice. She said the Department of Justice was investigating the incident because it involved the reported abduction of a U.S. citizen on foreign soil.

OSI Public Affairs Office spokesperson Capt. Christine Millette had no additional information, saying that while Metzger claimed to be abducted while serving overseas, she was not abducted on a U.S. military base. Therefore, the Department of Justice had "the lead" on the case, and OSI was playing a supporting role.

The Department of Justice would not comment.

Rank-and-file outrage

MacDonald added: "Why should Metzger, if she engaged in misconduct while in uniform, be rewarded with a disability pension when genuine combat veterans, especially our Marines in Iraq, are coming home with an arm or leg shot off and they have to fight for every cent in compensation they receive from the government?"

The retired field-grade officer and three-year Vietnam vet believes that if Metzger were to receive a disability pension it might be for PTSD, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, because you can't test for it. Major MacDonald added that if Metzger is given a disability pension for PTSD it would be an insult to all combat veterans who actually do suffer from PTSD.

MacDonald believes that this story is important because "the morale in the Air Force, if she gets away with this, will be devastated." He adds, "we were practically alone among the media investigating this story beyond the Pentagon press releases," adding that "the mainstream media is reluctant to cover a story where a feminist 'celebrity officer' gets in trouble."

MilitaryCorruption.com is an Arizona-based Web site founded by MacDonald and the late Gen. Peter E. Genovese Jr. Online for seven years, it gets up to 250,000 hits a day and is read on every military base in the continental U.S. and overseas. "We are clicked on by readers in over 120 countries of the world," MacDonald said.

"I don't draw a dime for what I do as editor, by my own choice," MacDonald said. "As a former enlisted man and NCO (non-commissioned officer), I've never forgotten where I came from and will continue to fight to my dying day [MacDonald is rated 100 percent disabled, combat-related, by the Veterans Administration] to get justice for the troops. We take very seriously our motto here at MilitaryCorruption.com: 'Fighting for the truth ... Exposing the corrupt.'"

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Letters to the editor

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

Letters must be received by noon Friday:

- E-mail: jbrowneditor@cableone.net
- Fax: (208) 337-4867
- Mail: P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Drop-off: 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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

Letter to the editor

Marsing Resource Center appreciates Snake River Mart support

The Marsing Resource Center would like to publicly thank Snake River Mart in Marsing for their continued support of the center.

They have helped with raffle items and donation jars at the store and also food donations for fund-raisers.

Thank you, again, Snake River Mart. It is businesses like your store that help keep the doors open for our local community.

Mary Heckathorn

Marsing Resource Center coordinator

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 23, 1982

Bids awarded for gravel, oil at Pleasant Valley

A six and seven-tenths mile stretch of road that has been a campaign issue in Owyhee County, has enticed the circulation of a petition, and has been the subject of several county meetings, will end up costing less than if the county had bid the project, according to figures from the county clerk's office.

The county commissioners awarded oil and gravel bids this month for a lift coast and seal coast on the road, located in Pleasant Valley.

In April of 1980, the county called for bids for a twoinch thick lift. The bid included reshaping the old roadway hauling the gravel, liquid asphalt for prime, road mix, and the construction of a new section road.

The low bid came in at \$138,213.70 plus 1,256.5 tons of oil at \$218.00 per ton, for a total cost of \$412,127.00.

The bids were rejected, and the commissioners eventually called for bids on a paver and pugmill. The county purchased the equipment at a cost of \$94,553.46.

The county was in the road construction business, and began training the county road employees to operate the newly-acquired equipment.

The Pleasant Valley road job was the training grounds, and the end project was not good. Commissioner Ernie Bahem admitted last January the road "isn't the best – by any means," and local residents tagged it as a "disaster."

The county had invested \$308,246.21 in the project, according to an accounting report from county clerk Barbara Jayo. This, of course, did not include the investment cost of the equipment.

The road was coming apart as soon as it was laid, and the commissioners have been looking for the most economical solution since that time.

With several advices, and lots of opinions, the county decided to go with the recommendation of Terry Coleman, supervisor for the Nampa Highway District.

The decision was to lay a coat of new oil, plus a seal coat over the entire 6.7 miles of roadway. Bids were let this month, and the necessary 262 tons of oil was bid by Idaho Asphalt at a cost of \$49,401.20.

The gravel bid was awarded to D. W. Terry and Lynde and Sons at a cost of \$36,324.50, but was rejected and later awarded to Brian C. Rambo Crushing Co. for \$38,125.00. (The low bidders were not licensed as public works contractors, and, upon the advice of County Attorney Clayton Anderson, the county could not award that bid.)

Merchants report successful 'Homedale Day'

Most Homedale merchants who participated in Saturday's sidewalk sale reported a "good" day of trading. The retail promotion was the main event in conjunction with "There's No Place Like Homedale" day, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and chaired by Maureen Cegnar.

Other events included a cat fish derby, sponsored by A&J Construction Co. Gary Baker turned in the largest catfish, weighting 2½ pounds, for a \$35 cash prize.

Second place went to Steve Fisher, at 21/4 pounds.

Four hundred dollars' worth of "Homedale Bucks" were given away by the Chamber of Commerce, and winner of the grand prize of \$100 was Elsie Kushlan, Homedale.

Julie Badiola was winner of the women's duffer class, 14-17 years, in Homedale's first tennis tournament held on the new tennis courts by defeating Shannon Nash, 7-5. Suzanna Drum won the over 17 years duffer class with a 6-1 score over Michelle Cascino. Michelle Cascino defeated Karen Staley, 6-4, in the opener.

Chris Tarr was duffer champ in the men's 14-17 years class by defeating Pat Eidemiller 6-3. George Adams defeated Steve nah 6-1 for the over 17 years championship.

Alan Smyth won the male "hot shot" first place trophy with a 6-2 score over Dick Springs in the over 17 years competition.

50 years ago

June 27, 1957

Lt. Frank Matteson tells Kiwanians of guard camp

Lt. Frank Matteson, commanding officer of the 615th transportation company, reported on activities of the national guard at its two week summer camp at Gowen Field, Boise, at the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Homedale Kiwanis club.

Lt. Matteson praised the willingness and cooperation of the 78 men and five officers of the local unit which attended the camp. He said this fine attitude resulted in the company winning the Pardue trophy.

Disputing the good-natured accusation of Kiwanians that the summer camp was a "vacation," Lt. Matteson said guardsmen rose at 4 to 4:30 each morning and seldom hit the sack before midnight. Part of the training included a two-night bivouac above Idaho City with the company moving out after dark and setting up a new area.

Company equipment includes 22 trucks, a wrecker, and five jeeps, totaling about \$200,000 in value.

Lt. Matteson also mentioned the fine work done by the local drill team, which was formed at camp and entered competition with only about four days' practice.

The drill team is under the instruction of John Lane, who has been receiving on-the-job training at the Fort Eustis, Va. He returned home just in time to join the 615th at summer camp.

Lt. Matteson said the drill team plans to practice weekly during the summer and will be a strong contender in this competition next year.

Bud Baxter, blood chairman, again urged support of the blood-mobile when it visits here Monday, July 1. Each Kiwanian is urged to secure four donors to help reach the quota of 100 pints.

Many scouts given awards at Marsing court of honor

A gem district boy scout court of honor was held June 24 at Marsing at which many scouts received awards.

Post 10 of Marsing presented the colors, followed by an invocation by Guy Leslie. Ralph Bowman and Bob Nash were in charge of announcements.

Bob Nash presented the Life award to Michael Morfitt, Troop 9, Homedale; Doyle Symms presented second-class awards to Charles Zollinger, Jr., Donald Leavitt, Dennis Lee Waite, Danny Cooper, and Glen Nichols, all of Troop 9; and to Bill Symms and Ernest Whittaker, Troop 10 of Marsing.

Russell Eldridge presented merit badges to Michael Morfitt for world brother hood, fishermanship, and soil and water conservation, public speaking, and horsemanship; and marksmanship badges to Doran Parkins and Charles Weygandt, Post 10 of Marsing.

Elmer Frank was in charge of the investiture ceremony at which tenderfoot awards were presented to John Radcliffe, Troop 9, Edwin Case and Duane Mullanix, Troop 10.

Ricky Batt and Jamie Morfitt of the Wilder troop also received awards so that they would have them before leaving Sunday along with Michael Morfitt to attend the national scout jamboree at Valley Forge and the international jubilee in England. They will also visit many other foreign countries during the summer months. Jamie received a life award and Ricky a first class award.

Legion juniors beat Caldwell

The Homedale-Marsing junior Legion baseball team won over the Caldwell team Monday night at Marsing 8-3 in a game called to an end after six innings because of darkness.

Games are being held Monday and Thursday of each week.

Leading the Homedale-Marsing batting attack were Ralph Dines and Bob Harris. Both batter picked up two hits in three trips to the plate.

140 years ago

June 22, 1867

RESULT OF MINE FROM JULY 19 TO NOV. 1.

I	Name of Mill	Tuns Ore.	Ozs Bullion	Value
I	N. Y. & Owyhee	880	147,060.17	255,683.59
I	N. Y. & Oro Fino	771 1/4	116,763.91	203,586.71
I	Ainsworth	362 1/4	33,178.52	62,220.81
ı	Jackson (Webfoo	t) 369 ½	7,323.29	25,200.58
I	Total	2 382 3/4	305 215 89	546 691 59

The average yield of all rock reduced is \$229.45 per tun, and the entire cost for mining, milling, etc., \$66.07 per tun. The great majority of the ores were found too rich for any of the mills to work properly, especially to keep up to their stamping capacity, and some new machinery must be introduced to facilitate the reduction of ores so rich as the Poorman produces. The entire cost of the mill of this Company is reported as over \$147,000 in gold – and the lawyers have come in for their share, as they have been paid over \$44,000 in the same material. But happily it is now reported on good authority that all the vexations litigation, which hung as an incubus round the Poorman mine, has been adjusted and compromised.

A settlement of the suits commenced by A. E. Tilton, John Ebner and W. P. Ray, against P. F. Bradford, has been effected. The N. Y. & O. Co. purchased from Mr. Bradford his interest of four hundred and fifty-seven and one-half feet in the mine, for which additional stock of the Company is issued to the amount of four hundred and fifty-seven and one-half feet in the mine, for which additional stock of the Company is issued to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, thus increasing the capital stock from one million and a quarter to one million seven hundred thousand dollars. The Company is now in peaceable possession of the sixteen hundred feet, which constitutes the entire discovery claim, and grand results may be anticipated for the year 1867.

The Agent concludes his Report with the following cheering words:

While no man can prophesy what may be underground, yet reasoning from those known laws governing mineral deposits and judging from the expressed opinion of those who, by scientific knowledge or experience in mines and minerals in all parts of the world, ought to be competent judges, and who have examined the "Poorman" mine in its various stages of progress, and looking to the very small amount of ground which has been worked upon the lode and which has so far yielded over eight hundred thousand dollars in gold and silver, I am constrained to say to you, and believe, that in this property you have a mine of immense value, whose future will show a product of the precious metals rivaling that of any mine here in my opinion, any reasonable expenditures to reach its buried riches cheaply, for years to come.

The stock of this Company increased by this last purchase, to the magnitude of seventeen hundred thousand dollars, cannot however be purchased at much if any less than par value.

The correspondent, speaking of departures for Owyhee, adds: Mr. H. S. Jacobs, formerly of Portland, and the inventor of a patent wagon wheel dressing-machine, also, leaves this city for Idaho by the Overland route this week. He goes out as Agent and Superintendent for two new mining companies — one the "New York and Iowa Mining Co.," whose mills are to be credited in Flint District; the other, the "Poorman Gold and Silver Mining Co.," organized under the laws of this State, for working the "First Extension North of the Poorman" — six hundred feet. The machinery which he has selected and shipped by steamer to San Francisco, is favorably known here as the "Dodge Mill and Furnace," comprising a patent crusher and rollers, shaking-tables, and the Freiberg barrel process.

Another New York company has recently been organized to erect a mill and work the Forest Queen lode at Rocky Bar in Idaho Territory. Their new machinery is shipped today as slow freight, and the Agent will follow on the next steamer.

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OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES **JUNE 11, 2007 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO**

Present were Commissioner's Freund, Tolmie and Hoagland, Clerk Sherburn, Assessor Endicott, Treasurer Richards, Sheriff Aman, Prosecutor Faulks, Mary Huff, Jim Desmond and Fred Grant.

The Board amended the agenda to include Indigent and Charity.

The Board approved the written decision on the petition for vacation of an alley in the Bruneau townsite which was denied.

Simon Bell with US Ecology introduced new General Manager Kevin Trader to the Board and gave an update on operations at the waste site.

Tim Nettleton and Mark Fuchs discussed the Murphy water system. Improvements were discussed, with no action taken.

The Board called for executive session pursuant to I.C. 67-2342 on a personnel issue. No action was taken.

The Board adopted Resolution 07-08 Authorization for Continuation of the Work of the Owyhee County Recreational Task Force, Statement Mission, and Statement of Process for Naming Members.

A luncheon in honor of Judge Tom Ryan's appointment to the Third Judicial District Judgeship was held. An appreciation plaque was presented to Judge Ryan.

The Board sent out letters to Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and U.S> Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the developing of a protocol for periodic coordination and information sharing.

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

No. 's 07-22, 07-23, 07-24 liens on the applicants were approved. No's 06-13 and 06-25 assignments to Catastrophic were approved.

The monthly co-ordination meeting with the Jarbidge District BLM was held.

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

s/sRichard Freund, Chairman Attest: s/s Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETINGS ON PROPOSED **ENERGY PLAN**

On July 11th and 12th, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hold public comment sessions on the Energy Plan proposed by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The draft copy of the proposed Energy Plan is available at the County web site at www.owyheecounty.net or may be reviewed or purchased at the Planning and Zoning office in Murphy, Idaho. The meeting on July 11th will be held at 7:00 pm at 525 Main St. in the Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View. The meeting on July 12th will be at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center in Marsing. For further information, please call the Planning and Zoning office at 208-495-2095. 6/27; 7/4, 11/07

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR **CHANGE** OF NAME OF MINOR **CHILD**

CASE NO. CV07-6399 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THIS STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON

In The Matter Of The Application Of TERESA RINCON, Petitioner,

For Change Of Name Of DOMINGO ESPARZA III, A Minor Child.

A Petition by Teresa Rincon for a change of name of the minor child, Domingo Esparza III, who was born on July 12, 1989, at McAllen, Texas, and now residing at Homedale, Idaho, proposing a change in name to Raymond Vela, has been filed in the aboveentitled Court, the reason for the change of name being; He doesn't want to carry his fathers name.

The name of the father of the minor child is Domingo Esparza Jr., and his address is Idaho.

Such Petition will be heard at 9:00 AM, August 2, 2007, and objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the Court a good reason against such a Change of Name.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID DISTRICT COURT this 18th day of June,

William H Hurst, Clerk By: J Heideman, Deputy Clerk

6/27;7/4,11,18/07

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,

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

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF FEE INCREASE I.C §63-1311A HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 9th day of July, 2007, at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. First Street, Homedale, ID 83628 banquet room at 12:30 p.m. the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District will receive comments regarding the Board of Commissioners' intent to make a decision to establish and increase the following proposed fees.

In summary, the Board of Commissioners intends to establish the following proposed fees: Fee Category: Preliminary Plat (per each lot) **Existing Fee:** \$150 + \$1.00 per lot Inspections **Existing Fees** \$25.00

Road Emergency Vehicle Access Inspections [unincorporated area of Owyhee County and Canyon County only]

[currently imposed in city limits and out of city limits]

Proposed Fee: \$150 + \$25.00 per lot **Proposed Fee**

Basis of Authority:

- The State of Idaho under authority of Idaho Code §63-1311 provides that the governing board of any taxing district may impose and cause to be collected fees for services provided which would otherwise be funded by property tax revenues
- The above referenced public record request fees have been preliminarily determined by the Board of Commissioners to be reasonable in relationship to the cost of administering by the Fire District and does not exceed the actual cost incurred by the Fire District to render said services and to protect its ability to collect such fees.

All persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to provide comment on the proposed fee to be established. Copies of the full text of the proposed Fee Policy may be viewed at the address above set forth during regular office hours.

DATED this 11th day of June, 2007. /s/Mikeal D. Parker, Secretary 6/27;7/4/07

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

The Idaho Unclaimed Property Program will post an updated list of Idaho unclaimed property owners on the internet on April 1, 2007. This online list will be updated quarterly at tax.idaho.gov (click on "Unclaimed Property") anyone without Internet access can view the list on computers at any Idaho State Tax Commission office, or at most public libraries. Unclaimed Property consists of abandoned bank accounts, forgotten refund checks, utility deposits, gift certificates, and more.

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 (NWSÉ) S23 T02N **RO4W 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

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: 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

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DÁVID R. TUTHILL, JR., Director 6/20,27/07

Read all about it The Ownhee Avalanche 337-4681

Public notices

BEFORE THE OWYHEE **COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

On July 12th, 2007 beginning at 10:00 AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the annex Building, Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following maters at the times listed below, When hearings are finished the commission will take up administrative matters:

10:00 – 10:30 The Commission will hear file 06-16 Woods application for a short plat. The Wood's have been previously approved for a conditional use permit to subdivide a single ten acre lot from a 21 acre parcel to establish a single family residence. Subject parcel is located in an Agricultural zone southwest of Homedale on the corner of Homestead and Thompson Roads in Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise meridian,

Owyhee County, Idaho. 10:30 – 11:00 The Commission will hear file 06-23 E&T LLC, application for preliminary plat approval. E&T LLC, had previously filed and been approved

for a conditional use permit to subdivide a 40 acre parcel into 19 residential lots. Subject property is located North of Marsing in a Multi-use zone off of Edison Road and Thompson Road in Section 28, Township 3North, Range 4 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

11:00 – 11:30 The Commission will hear file 05-39 Michael Simmons Trust application for preliminary plat approval. In 2005 Michael Simmons Trust had previously filed an application for a conditional use permit to subdivide 52 acres into 32 residential lots. That application was later approved in 2006. Subject property is located adjacent to Shari Hills Subdivision south of Marsing off Highway 78 in an agricultural zone, in Section 10, Township 2 north, Range 4 west, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

1:00 - 1:30 The Commission will hear file 07-08 filed by Sam Hooley. Mr. Hooley has filed an application for a conditional use permit to construct a 50 meter anemometer tower on his property. The tower will be

used to gather wind speed data. Subject property is located in an agricultural zone northeast of Bruneau off Mecham lane, in Section 32, Township 5 south, Range 7 east, Boise meridian,

Owyhee County, Idaho. 1:30 – 2:30 The Commission will hear file 07-06 file by Rick Kushlan. The application requests a conditional use permit to establish a single family residence on 1.2 acres in an Agricultural zone. Subject property is located southwest of Homedale on the $corner\, of\, Market\, and\, Pioneer\, roads$ in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise meridian,

Owyhee County, Idaho. 2:30 – 3:30 The Commission will hear file 07-11 file by LeAnn Castor. The application requests permission to establish a second dwelling on a single parcel with an existing dwelling structure. Subject parcel is located in a residential zone off old Bruneau highway in Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.



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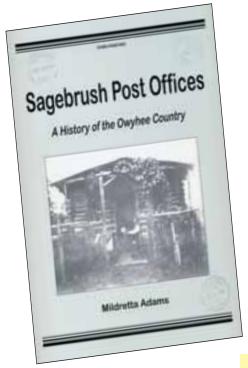
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