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GV Days salutes native sisters

Grand View Days began as a homecoming festival for the central Owyhee County town.

This year's edition, which takes place Friday through Sunday, will return to that original idea.

The Osborne sisters — now Juanita Collett and Jeanette Hemenway — will serve as grand marshals for Saturday morning's parade. The sisters are part of a family tree that has grown in Grand View for eight generations.

Jeanette and Juanita were born in Grand View along with their sisters, Gertrude and Letha. Their parents were Ross and Margaret Osborne. Margaret Wallace arrived in Grand View 103 years ago and eventually met and married Ross.

Juanita married Tom Collett Jr., whose family farmed on the

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1932 Owyhee Project turns 75 2007



Dignitaries applaud long-ago vision

Above: The 75th anniversary of the dedication of Owyhee Dam was celebrated Saturday by political and irrigation representatives from two states with an hour-long ceremony that began with the unfurling of an American flag and a flyover by a pair of C-130 airplanes. Left: Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) stressed that the Owyhee Initiative legislation was just as important to the future of the region's water as it was to the survival of ranching. Crapo was just one of a handful of state and federal representatives from Idaho and Oregon and Washington, D.C., who spoke. Thousands toured the dam and powerhouse throughout the day. More on the celebration, Page 12

Owyhee rodeo ready for TV

Fox 12 to air final
round; annual fair
begins Aug. 6

Preparations are progressing for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo, which is set for the first full week of August.

The fair will run from Monday, Aug. 6 through Saturday, Aug. 11 in Homedale. The rodeo is slated for Wednesday, Aug. 8 through Saturday, Aug. 11.

The rodeo's usual appeal will be heightened this year when Nampa television station KTRV Fox 12 airs Saturday's final performance.

The top eight performers from the first three go-rounds of the Idaho Cowboy Association- and

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JV grad's bright personality remembered

Class of 2005 member killed in rollover
crash early Wednesday

The Jordan Valley community was left in shock last week after a 19-year-old resident died in a one-car rollover accident Wednesday

morning.

"You hate to lose any kid, but in a small community like that where there isn't a lot of youth to begin

with, it hits close to home," former Jordan Valley High School football and girls basketball coach Jeremy Chamberlain said.

Malheur County Sheriff's Office reports state that 2005 Jordan Valley High School graduate Levi Michael Waller died when he was ejected from

the 2002 Toyota pickup in which he was riding early Wednesday. The sheriff's office received a 911 call about the crash at around 2 a.m.

Waller was pronounced dead the scene. Two other passengers —

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Levi Waller

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Homedale schools fight to boost numbers

Budget shows district must increase revenue to maintain fund balance; no program cuts

The Homedale School District’s board of trustees recently approved a budget of more than \$11 million for the next school year. The budget is about \$400,000 leaner than a year ago, according to documents published in The Owyhee Avalanche. School superintendent Tim Rosandick said that the drop in the budget is reflective of this being the first full year state school districts are operating without revenue from the repealed 3 mil levy tied to property taxes. But the superintendent said the state legislature’s attempt to adhere to its constitutional obligation to help fund schools — House Bill 743 — put a different type of strain on budgets by requiring school districts to set aside funds in the equivalent to 2 percent of the facility replacement costs each year whether the district plans to use it for facility maintenance or not. Rosandick said that the state’s blanket approach to plant facilities funding is unfair to districts that have been forward-thinking in their maintenance policies. “We are grateful for the support the state provides us for the maintenance of our schools; however, some districts, like Homedale, have been doing a good job of maintaining our facilities before HB743 was enacted,” Rosandick wrote in a release. “Some have argued that the state’s

decision to solve the constitutional dilemma regarding school facilities has resulted in yet another erosion of local control.” Another aspect that is seemingly out of the control of the district is enrollment figures. Rosandick said the state’s contribution to Homedale’s budget is virtually unchanged from a year ago because the district’s enrollment has remained flat despite the enactment of an open-enrollment policy. The superintendent said increased revenue is essential because the district anticipates spending more than half of its \$795,000 fund balance. “The fund balance is kind of like the blood pressure check of the district, and it is alerting us to a fundamental fact that our expenditures are exceeding our revenue,” Rosandick said. “We are solvent for Fiscal Year ’08, but we’re going to have to keep an eye on it.” Rosandick said the district projects that enrollment for the 2007-08 school year will remain stagnant, meaning that no additional state funding will come into district coffers. The state Department of Education provides about \$90,000 per support unit. A support unit equals 25 students as calculated by average daily attendance formulas, and \$65,000 of that money must be spent on salaries and benefits. “For us to maintain our current level of

‘We’re hopeful but not predicting that there will be an enrollment increase in the district in the next year or two.’

— **Tim Rosandick**
Homedale schools chief



programs, we are going to have to have an enhanced revenue because without it, we’re getting upside-down,” Rosandick said. “We’re hopeful but not predicting that there will be an enrollment increase in the district in the next year or two.” Rosandick said the district will re-evaluation its financial standing in January as it prepares for the FY 2009 budget year. He said that if the current trend continues and revenue doesn’t pick up, the district may have to look reducing costs through the adjustment of programs. Rosandick did say that the new open-enrollment policy did help with revenue, and he said that there is a chance that some Homedale students could return to their home district if the Vallivue district’s trend

of overcrowded classrooms continues. The biggest chunk of the budget, between 80 and 85 percent, is devoted to staff salary and benefits, Rosandick said. The school board voted a 3 percent salary increase across the board for employees, and the superintendent also said that there was a “minor increase” in the district’s obligation to employee insurance plans. But he said that benefits increase could have been much worse without an agreement with the Homedale School District Education Association. “We were facing a 12 percent increase in insurance premiums,” Rosandick said. “We’ve been able to mitigate that to about a \$7,000 increase that we’ll be contributing to employees’ insurance.” As part of the compromise with the district employees association, staff members will pay a higher deductible, and there will be an 80 percent/20 percent split on co-insurance. Rosandick said that the district contributes about \$500 per month per employee to medical insurance. And the adjustment in the insurance package was part of the district’s overall goal to maintain a quality workforce. “Our benefit package in Homedale is very attractive to attracting and retaining employees,” Rosandick said. “No district can afford to lose good teachers, and you have to compete and stay close to neighboring districts.” — JPB

Trustees re-elect Shanley chairman of the board

Kurt Shanley was elected to another term as chair of the Homedale School District Board of Trustees during the annual meeting last week. “Mr. Shanley has demonstrated very strong and wise leadership during his tenure as chairman,” Homedale schools superintendent Tim Rosandick said. “For example, he initiated an annual Board goal-setting cycle that helps foster continued school district improvement and responsiveness to the educational needs of the community.” Trustees have set a special

meeting for 7 p.m. Aug. 22 to establish goals for the 2007-08 school year. Shanley and Shane Muir, both of whom were unopposed in the most recent school board elections, were sworn in for new four-year terms. Kevin Miyasako will continue as vice-chair.




Kurt Shanley

“Kurt and the other trustees have operated the district in a fiscally responsible and conservative manner, assuring citizens that their tax dollars are being spent wisely and that the district remains fiscally viable,” Rosandick said. The superintendent also said that under Shanley’s leadership that the trustees have helped establish measures to attract and retain quality teachers to the district. The group also modified school’s open enrollment policy to proving “much-needed revenue in a time of declining enrollment,” Rosandick said. Other business at the annual meeting, held July 9 at

the boardroom in the district offices on East Owyhee Avenue, included moving forward with a possible revision of graduation requirements. The board approved a second reading of a change in the policy that has been suggested by the high school improvement team. The current policy requires Homedale High School students to carry a C average in core subjects in order to graduate. The core subjects include English, Speech, Mathematics, Science, Health, U.S. History, Humanities, Government and Economics. The policy currently in place establishes criteria that exceed

state Department of Education requirements, according to a memo produced by Homedale schools superintendent Tim Rosandick. But the improvement panel is recommending that students be required to achieve a cumulative C average in all classes, including elective subjects. The board also approved a 15-day student teacher classroom experience this fall at Homedale Elementary School for Homedale High School graduate Michelle Eby. Eby recently was named to the Spring semester Dean’s List at Eastern Oregon University. Current elementary teacher Mary Jo Lazelier will supervise her. — JPB



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Reported West Nile case may not be county's first

Health district says male from Homedale-Marsing infected; unidentified woman bitten in May

Southwest District Health reported Owyhee County's first probable case of West Nile Virus late last week, but The Owyhee Avalanche has learned that at least one other case has been documented in 2007.

Southwest District Health officials said a male in the teens to early-20s age range from the Homedale-Marsing area turned up as the first probable case in the county in a report to the agency Thursday.

News of a second case, in an adult female, apparently never reached Southwest District Health even though the victim was bitten by a mosquito in mid-May.

An initial exposure of May better fits the timeline that Southwest District Health anticipated, according to Jacque Walker, preventive health manager with the agency.

"We're expecting to see as many cases as we saw last year," she said. "We've been preparing

for West Nile since January, and we fully expected to see some in May or June."

Walker said that it takes about a month for signs of the virus to show up in a patient's blood work. She said if someone comes in for a blood test within two weeks of a suspected bite, the telltale elevation in antibodies may not show up in the lab results.

While Owyhee County's campaign to "Fight the Bite" began with fits and starts this season — including unsuccessful attempts to appoint a project coordinator and set mosquito traps for study — Southwest District Health representatives were dispatched to the county's schools to send

information home with students late in the school year.

"The commissioners asked us to do some public outreach, specifically to try to educate the schools," district environmental health director David Loper said.

"The health district actually educated every school in Owyhee County on the subject before school got out in May."

Owyhee County Board of Commissioners chair Dick Freund reminded residents that testing for West Nile Virus can be done free of charge through Southwest District Health.

Walker also mentioned that Southwest District Health is participating in a West Nile Virus

study with the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. She urged anyone who suspects they are infected with the virus to see their health care provider for a blood test. If the test is positive, the patient should call the district's epidemiology line at (208) 455-5442 to enroll in the study.

Walker said that the apparent late arrival of season hasn't instilled a false sense of security in people served by her district.

"I don't think so, and the reason that I don't is that we've gotten a steady stream of requests for information and we don't have anybody turning us down for info," Walker said.

— JPB



Marsing girl sings for governor

Rylee Loucks, a 5-year-old from Marsing, recently sang the National Anthem during the Republican Roundup at Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's ranch in Star. Loucks poses with the governor after her June 30 performance. Rylee is the daughter of Les and Amy Loucks. Amy said that Rylee has been asked back to perform at next year's Roundup, too. Submitted photo

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Marsing council pay going up

City receives additional federal grant for water system improvement

Pay raises have been proposed for the Marsing City Council and mayor when the Fiscal Year 2008 budget is formulated later this year.

During its monthly meeting Wednesday, the council voted to propose an increase in monthly salary from \$200 to \$500 for the mayor and from \$75 to \$150 per council member.

The last pay increase for city office holders came in 2005 when the council increased the mayor's salary from \$125 per monthly to its current \$200 per month. At that time, the council's salary

remained unchanged at \$75 per month per member.

In other business from last week's council meeting, members approved a fee increase request for Westowns Disposal.

City clerk Janice Bicandi said that residents will see a monthly increase of 25 cents on their bill beginning in October.

The increase means garbage pickup will cost \$8.25 per month, and customers with garbage totes will pay \$11.25 per month.

Residents are billed monthly.

Dave Flesher from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural De-

velopment informed the council that his agency would increased its grant contribution to the city's water improvement project to more than \$750,000.

The city was presented with confirmation of a new grant of \$211,500 to be used as part of the city's nearly \$3.2 million project.

To receive the new amount from USDA Rural Development, Marsing now must contribute \$287,000 to the project. The amount includes \$125,000 used to purchase the well, tank and booster station site.

The additional grant money will be used for improvements on the city's water lines, Bicandi said.

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The county's annual budget hearing is scheduled for Sept. 4.

The Owyhee Avalanche has confirmed that a letter has circulated in the county offices in Murphy asserting that the action was not filed on behalf of the elected officials. Not all officials would sign the letter.

In an article published in the July 11 edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche*, it was reported from law enforcement sources that Bruce Caba was escorting Robert Neal from the Last Chance Saloon prior to an alleged aggravated assault involving a weapon. Caba reports that he was escorting George Duvall from the establishment when Neal allegedly brandished a knife.

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Member

From page 1

✓ GV Days: Agenda packed with softball, BBQ, breakfasts and crafts sale

Elmore County side of the Snake River.

Jeanette married Dexter Hemenway, who was working for local rancher Bill Burghardt. Dexter worked for the irrigation district before farming across the river in Elmore County for 32 years until 1973. The Hemenways then purchased 40 acres in Owyhee County before retiring.

Letha married Don Gribble, who was working for his uncle Abner Hoalst at the Square Deal Store.

Juanita and Jeanette still live in Grand View.

Considering most of the Osborne sisters married into families that farmed, it's fitting that this year's Grand View Days theme is "Agriculture: Past and Present."

"We would like to encourage all the local agricultural people in the area to bring their entries to the parade," event organizer Starla Pineda from the Grand View Chamber of Commerce said.

Juanita and Jeanette will serve

as grand marshals for the parade through downtown, which begins at 10 a.m. Entries for the parade will line up beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the American Legion hall.

Call Pineda at (208) 834-2070 for information on parade entries.

Parade fans also can check out the decorated utility poles in town. That's part of the contest in which businesses and other organizations are asked to decorate the poles according to the theme of the festival.

While the parade serves as the centerpiece for the celebration, the events kick off Friday with the annual softball tournament and the Grand View Fire Department pit barbecue.

The barbecue will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Lions Park. The menu will include the barbecued meat, potatoes, salad, rolls and beverages.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$5 for children. Children younger than 4 years old eat for free.



Sheriff rides to rescue

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, squirt gun at the ready, had the remedy to scorching temperatures during last year's Grand View Days parade. More hot weather is expected for this weekend's festivities.

Team Chandler will be gunning for its third consecutive softball championship in a tournament that runs Friday and Saturday. For more information, call Dale Gray at (208) 834-3061.

After the parade Saturday, the annual Idaho Street Marketplace arts and crafts sale will begin in

City Park. Contact Sue Gibb at (208) 834-2396 for information on booths. For food or entertainment booths, call Chamber president Vicki Theodozio at (208) 834-2697.

There also will be a chili cook-off, and those interesting in participating should call Gary Blank at (208) 834-

3141.

On Sunday, the Grand View Lions Club will hold a breakfast of hot cakes, eggs and sausage from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lions Park. Donations will be accepted.

The previously reported country fair-themed contests have been canceled, according to Pineda.

✓ Owyhee: Usual contests on tap; queen and parade entries being sought

ProWest-sanctioned event will qualify for Saturday's 7 p.m. show. The first three shows begin at 8 p.m. daily.

Entries will open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, July 30. Local entries will be taken between 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. on July 30-31.

While the rodeo entries have yet to open, there are plenty of other ways to get involved in this year's fair.

Fair secretary Kelly Haun, who is serving as manager for the first time this year, said last week that entries are slow in coming for the annual Saturday parade through Homedale. Laura Anderson at Rafter 4 Feed Co., is the new parade coordinator, and

anyone interested in entering the parade should call her at the store, 337-4656.

Haun reported that during its last meeting the fair board discussed ways to accommodate the exploding numbers of animal entries 4-H clubs and FFA chapters.

She said the lack of space has forced board members to discontinue the open class for rabbit and poultry.

The annual Junior Livestock Sale will be held in the afternoon of Aug. 11.

The Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen contest has received only three entries thus far, according to coordinator Debbie Shearn.

None of the three entries are from Owyhee County, she said. The deadline to submit an application for this year's contest is Sunday. Send applications to Shearn at 16308 Farmway Road, Caldwell, ID 83607.

Contestants must be 16 to 23 years old and unmarried. Competition and judging will take place throughout the fair and will include horsemanship, personality and appearance.

For more information, call Shearn at 455-7917.

Several of the usual contests will be held during fair week, including:

- The fifth annual salt block lick-art contest — Entries will be taken from noon to 6 p.m. on Aug.

7 at the Armory Exhibit Hall.

- A Bountiful Harvest contest — Entries will be taken from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Aug. 8 at the Armory Exhibit Hall.

- Pie-baking contest — Enter between 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Aug. 10 at the Tumbleweed Theatre Stage. Judging at 11 a.m.

- Roping contest — Three different age divisions. Contest begins at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Livestock Barn.

- Nature's Wonder contest — Entries taken Aug. 7 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Armory Exhibit Hall.

- Veggie People Making contest — 11 a.m. on Aug. 9. Open to all ages.

- Pedal Tractor Pull — 2 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Tumbleweed

Theatre Stage. Open to children ages 5-11.

The Tumbleweed Theatre Stage will be the venue for a slew of live entertainment, including:

- Aug. 8 — Fiddling Loucks Kids, Studio Synergy Cloggers, hypnotist Greg Hassakis, Sylver Bak classic rock and rhythm and blues band

- Aug. 9 — Kontache, acoustic music; Rewind, comic/variety music; hypnotist Greg Hassakis; Buckhorn Mountain Boys bluegrass band

- Aug. 10 — 4-H Style Revue, hypnotist Greg Hassakis, Howlin' Coyotes band

- Aug. 11 — Sevy Family Band, hypnotist Greg Hassakis, Sunset Riders country dance band

✓ JV grad: Part of '04 State football team

22-year-old Jordan Valley resident Pat Conro and 38-year-old Keith Brunz of Caldwell — were airlifted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Malheur County Sheriff's Lt. Craig Smith said in a press release that alcohol may have been involved and that the crash was still under investigation. It's unknown who was driving the vehicle.

All three men were in the pickup traveling eastbound on Yturri Boulevard about 1 mile east of town when the vehicle apparently left the roadway and eventually rolled.

Waller graduated from Jordan Valley High School in 2005.

There were only a dozen students in that class.

"It's just a really unfortunate incident," Chamberlain said of the accident that took Waller's life. "I hope something positive for the community comes out of it."

Chamberlain coached Waller for three years, including two as the Mustangs' head coach.

The coach remembered Waller as a happy-go-lucky individual.

"No matter the situation, he always had a grin on his face and a smile," Chamberlain said. "He was very good humored."

Playing nose tackle and linebacker as a senior, Waller was a leading tackler for the 2004 Jordan Valley squad. Comprised

of only nine players, that year's squad reached the 1A Oregon eight-man state playoffs, losing to Perrydale.

Services for Waller were held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church on Tuesday morning.

Conro also played for the Mustangs when Chamberlain was an assistant coach.

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Legion group visits Washington’s tomb

Members of the Marsing Sons of the American Legion Squadron 128 completed their series of color guard ceremonies in Virginia on July 9 at George Washington’s Mount Vernon estate. The group, comprised of Boy Scouts from Marsing as well as three scouts from Frisco, Texas, gave a patrol salute at Washington’s tomb. From left to right, Thomas Friend, group leader Stephen Heidt, Christian Friend, Ben Friend, Andre Heidt, John-Thomas Heidt, Matthew Merritt and Christian Fialho. The Friends are from Texas. Submitted photo

Watershed council seeks public comment

The Owyhee Watershed Council will hold two meetings for public comment on the draft Lower Owyhee Assessment this month. The document attempts to assess the historic and present conditions of local natural resources within the Lower Owyhee Subbasin. Oral testimony and comments will be taken at two public hearings. The first is 7 p.m. Thursday at the Lions Hall in Jordan Valley. The second public meeting comes at 7 p.m. Friday at the public library in Nyssa, Ore. Written public comment will be accepted until next Wednesday. Send written comments to Owyhee Watershed Council, P.O. Box 275, Adrian, OR 97901. Comments may be faxed to (541) 372-5785 or e-mailed to jmartin-owc@qwest.net. The draft document is available for review online at <http://shockfamily.net/Owyhees/Index.htm>. The document also is available on CD or in a hard copy format upon request. Call (541) 372-5782 to request a copy.

Homedale area students make EOU dean’s list

Four students with Homedale area ties have been named to the spring semester dean’s list at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. The students included Homedale High School graduates Anna Bayes, Michelle Eby and Sara Reed. Wilder’s Rachel Leavitt also was on the list. To qualify for the dean’s list, students must achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

Birthday

Loveland to mark her 95th birthday in Jordan Valley

Jordan Valley resident Evelyn Loveland will celebrate her 95th birthday on Sunday, July 22, 2007, at the Lions Den in Jordan Valley.

The event will take place between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Cards are welcome, but no gifts please. Cake and ice cream will be served.

Loveland lived her early years at the 5-Bar along the Owyhee River before her family moved to Cliffs.

In 1930, she married William Loveland, and to this union were born six children. They lived in Cliffs then moved to the Warm Springs Ranch west of Jordan Valley.

When they retired, they moved in town to Jordan Valley where Evelyn Loveland still resides.

She remains active in her church, and Evelyn helped for many years selling hamburgers at the rodeo.

She always has a coffee pot



Evelyn Loveland

on, has fresh-baked cookies and homemade bread for her visitors. Evelyn bakes huge batches of bread weekly.

Her family now consists of three daughters, one son, 18 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

July 19: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, drink.
July 24: Chicken cow mein, fried rice, stir fry vegetables, drink.
July 25: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, carrots, drink.

Marsing Senior Center

July 19: Pork spare ribs, baked potato, green beans, peach jello salad, soup, dessert, drink.
July 23: Breakfast to order.
July 24: Oven fried chicken, potatoes, baked beans, mixed vegetables, salad, soup dessert, drink.
July 25: Breakfast to order. Baked potato bar (chili, bacon, cheese, onion, etc) soup, salad, dessert, drink.

Birth
Ava Anne Wilson

Ava Anne Wilson was born July 5, 2007, to Joel and Kim Wilson of Homedale, at St. Luke’s Meridian Medical Center.

She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20½ inches long at birth.

Ava was joined at home by her 3½-year-old brother, Landen Joel Wilson.

Paternal grandparents are Tim and Lori Wilson of Grangeville;

great grandparents are Harold and Mary Wilson of Homedale, and Dorothy J. Eimers and the late Gib Eimers of Grangeville.

Maternal grandparents are Keith and Lola Ingersoll of Homedale; great grandparents are Ann Ingersoll and the late Bob Ingersoll of Marsing, and great grandmother Louise Taylor of Tulare, Calif.



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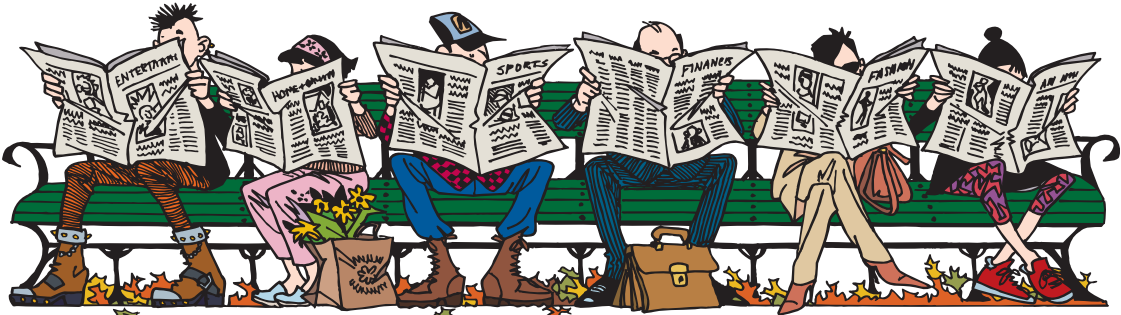
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— Brenda

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— Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are going through a divorce. Previously, we each had a credit card from a shared account. After she left, I got notices from the credit card company that she had charged \$1,875. I signed on to the account, but she's the primary card holder. I've also gotten a \$1,200 medical bill for a procedure done after the separation, as well as a utility bill from her current home where we used to live. The utilities are still in my name. How can I make sure I don't have to pay all of this?

— Lee

Dear Lee,

I'm sorry, man, but you're liable for any bill that is from a service for which you signed up — like the utilities and credit card. You need to take your name off the utilities immediately, along any checking accounts you once shared.

You also need to contact the credit card company by mail — return receipt requested — and notify them that you will not be liable for any charges made to that account starting the day they receive your letter. Technically,



you're still liable up until then because you signed on to that account. It also doesn't matter that you weren't aware of the \$1,875 she charged after you guys separated. You both signed up for the account, so you're both liable for any charges made to it. But you are not responsible for the medical bill because you didn't sign for that debt.

You can always try and negotiate for her to pay the bills she has run up since your separation as a part of the final divorce agreement, Lee. Regardless, I'm sorry you have to go through all this.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

We have five children with another on the way. We have two vehicles — a 1995 mini-van and 1989 Honda Civic. With the new child, we'll have outgrown the mini-van. The Civic isn't big enough for all of us, but both cars are paid for, and the only debt we have is a couple of credit cards. We're working on our budget and trying to pay our debt down. How do we move to a bigger vehicle without going deeper into debt?

— Carrie

Dear Carrie,

How about this, let's trade your van for one that's full-size?

Don't worry, I'm not suggesting that you go into debt to make this happen. Just get a larger vehicle that's an even swap for your mini-van. You might end up with a van that's not as nice, but it will carry more people and get you around until you get your debt cleaned up. Then, you can save for a nicer van and pay cash for it.

Good question, Carrie!

— Dave

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Owyhee students get UI scholarships

Several recent graduates from Owyhee country have received a chunk of the University of Idaho's scholarship pool of \$21 million.

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Calendar

Today

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

Lizard Butte Library groundbreaking ceremony, 11 a.m., behind Marsing Rural Fire District station on Main Street, Marsing

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center,

224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Summer reading program, 3 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Owyhee Plaza, 105 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

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

Wednesday, July 25

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

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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, July 27

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

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July 13	102	63	.00
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July 16	105	62	.00

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Disaster committee to mail surveys to citizens

Questionnaire to small group of county residents next step in complying with FEMA program

The committee formulating Owyhee County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is ready to enlist the help of citizens in the process.

According to a press release issued Friday by the board of commissioners, brief surveys will be mailed to randomly selected homeowners to gather information for the county's risk analysis.

The questionnaire, which should be received in the first week of August, will ask details about home construction and landscape materials, the property's proximity to water sources and past experiences with hazards in the county.

"This survey is very important to the success of the plan and will only be sent to a small sample of county residents," the press release states.

The committee urges residents who receive the survey to take the time to fill it out and send it back because, according to the release, it will benefit the safety of the community overall.

Northwest Management Inc. has been retained by the county to provide risk assessments, mapping, field inspections, and

interviews and to collaborate with the committee to write a plan. The coordinating team includes representatives from fire districts, county departments and local agencies as well as land managers, elected officials and community members.

Northwest Management specialists will work with the committee to formulate recommendations for potential treatments that will mitigate the potential of loss from natural and man-made events.

The plan is part of the Federal Emergency Management Administration's Pre-Disaster Mitigation program and will help the county determine where disasters such as floods, landslides, wildfires, earthquakes, severe weather and terrorism are likely to occur.

The planning team will conduct public meetings in September to discuss preliminary findings and seek public involvement in the planning process.

For more information on the plan, call county emergency manager Larry Howard at (208) 896-5034 or Northwest Management, Inc., project manager Tera King at (208) 883-4488.

The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan committee will meet again at 7 p.m. today inside the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

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What's happening
Read Calendar each week
in the Avalanche

County initiates Reverse 911

Residents urged to provide sheriff with cell numbers to ensure complete emergency notification network

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is compiling a list of cellular phone numbers to be used with the new Emergency Notification System, also known as Reverse 911.

Through Reverse 911, the sheriff's office, in conjunction with the Emergency Operations Plan, can contact areas or groups of people that may be endangered by natural or manmade disasters via phone line.

The system also may be used to contact emergency medical services, fire and law enforcement as a group in case of the failure of

radio communication and paging systems that have been in place for about two years.

The prevalence of cell phones — and the possibility that many residents no longer may use a "hard line" or landline phone — has prompted the sheriff's office to ask cell phone users to provide phone numbers to create a database. In fact, Sheriff Gary Aman recommends that residents provide their cell numbers for the database even if they have a hard line at home.

The system will make up to three phone calls to a phone number, providing a message with

instructions in case of emergencies such as weather alerts, fires, floods, chemical spills or releases or closed roads. The system also will provide instructions on what action citizens should take to alleviate any dangers.

The sheriff's office said that residents needn't worry about the county using the provided phone numbers for anything other than emergency notification.

To notify the sheriff's office of your cell number, contact Tiffany at 337-4222 or 495-1154 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

New carpeting crowns Homedale court remodel

A three-man crew representing Carpets Plus from Nampa completed the magistrate courtroom remodel at Homedale City Hall late last week.

Subcontractor Affordable Flooring by Jason removed the old carpet Thursday and put down new carpeting Friday.

Homedale City Clerk Alice Pegram said the price tag for the total project will end up being about \$10,000.

The remodel included new wood for the bench, the jury box and the witness stand as well as a new divider between the attorneys' tables and the gallery.

A new coat of paint was applied to the previously stark-white walls in the courtroom, too.

Owyhee County contributed \$3,500 to the project, and Pegram said the carpet installation cost about \$3,750.

Pegram also said that pews were purchased from a church in Snohomish, Wash., to replace the benches in the gallery. She said Homedale Mayor Paul Fink made the trip to Washington state to haul the five benches back to Idaho.

The courtroom also doubles as the city council chambers.

Trimming the carpet edge Friday were, from top to bottom, Joel Felter, Kelvin Boyd and Jason Rhodus.



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Fourth mini-mall suite soon to fill

The Homedale City Council's issuance of a waiver that will allow beer and wine sales within 300 feet of Homedale High School opens the door for an Idaho Pizza franchise to move into the strip mall in the 100 block of East Idaho Avenue.

Pizza place gets OK to proceed

Homedale council issues waiver to allow beer sales across from school

Without much discussion, the Homedale City Council approved a waiver allowing a proposed pizza franchise to take the next step in obtaining a license to sell beer and wine across from Homedale High School.

Echo Hall, owner of the Homedale Idaho Pizza Co., said she hopes to open a restaurant in the 100 block of East Idaho Avenue in the middle of September. It will occupy the fourth and final business suite in the strip mall across from the high school.

Hall appeared before the council Wednesday night to request the waiver, which she will send on to the state with her beer and wine license application.

"I wish you guys the best, and we look forward to having you guys here," city councilman Steve Schultz said. "I think it's a great improvement and a great asset to the city."

None of the council members present raised concerns about the fact that the restaurant would be serving beer within walking distance of the high school. The council's approval essentially waived the section of Idaho Code that prohibits the sale of beer or liquor within 300 feet of schools and churches.

Council members exercised their prerogative to waive that buffer zone in previous instances as well — most recently for Rebecca's Market, which is across West Idaho Avenue from the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency shop building.

"It'll be totally supervised, in-store," Hall said of the serving of beer and wine by the glass. "We don't plan on being a bar or drinking establishment, but a lot of people when they eat pizza, they want to have a beer."

Hall said that Idaho Pizza Co., requires that a prospective owner obtain a beer and wine license before the awarding of a franchise is finalized.

Homedale's top school officials had few concerns about the proximity of the restaurant to the high school.

"There are many establishments near the school that sell alcoholic beverages," Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick said. "So it would be difficult for me to establish that the serving of beer and wine at the new pizza parlor poses any greater risk to our students than do the other businesses."

"I'm sure that the City Council took this into consideration when

they took up the issue."

The high school has an open-campus policy, allowing students to leave the school grounds during the lunch period to eat at nearby restaurants.

"I'm sure many high school students will be patronizing the new establishment in pursuit of a popular teenage meal," Rosandick said.

Rosandick said he welcomes the new business because it will add to the vitality of the community, but he voiced concern over the impact the new eatery might have on the effectiveness of the school's lunch program.

"It will be a new source of competition for our school lunch program, which provides meals that are not just affordable but nutritious," he said.

The only other concern for the superintendent was associated with the safety of students trekking across Idaho Avenue.

"I would anticipated increased foot traffic between the high school and the new business," Rosandick said. "Therefore, it will be imperative that the crosswalks remain well marked and that drivers continue to be watchful for our kids."

The contractor who repaved Idaho Avenue earlier this year has yet to re-paint crosswalks on Homedale's main drag

— JPB

County P&Z board to hold hearing on CAFO expansion

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing in Marsing next week to address a local dairy's request to expand its operations.

Nick DeRuyter has filed a conditional use permit to add nearly 5,000 animals to his concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) on Burntrock Road 2 miles north of U.S. Highway 95.

The P&Z commissioners will hear testimony on DeRuyter's plan at 11 a.m. as part of a daylong meeting next Wednesday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center at 126 2nd Street W., in Marsing.

The DeRuyter hearing is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a recess from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

The county board of commissioners waived an ordinance during its July 9 meeting, allowing input from residents living outside a 1-mile radius of the dairy operation.

Marsing resident citizen Tom

Dobbin informed the Marsing City Council of the expansion of the public input area during the council's July meeting last Wednesday.

According to a public notice published in The Owyhee Avalanche, DeRuyter wants to expand his operation from 9,600 cows to 14,400 cows.

The deadline to submit written comment on the dairy expansion is 5 p.m. today. Comments must be received at the county Planning and Zoning office in Murphy.

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., the P&Z commissioners will hold a hearing on a conditional use permit from Larry and Margery Corta of Homedale. The Cortas want to develop a 6-acre parcel on Sanctuary Lane off Gulley Road into a one-lot subdivision, according to the public notice.

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1932 Owyhee Project turns 75 2007

Dam's impact on West's water gets spotlight

To a man, the speakers at Saturday's Owyhee Dam diamond jubilee agreed on one important fact:

The West would look much different today without the water provided by the Owyhee Dam — and the subsequent water projects borne by this hunk of highly engineered concrete in a remote corner of Eastern Oregon.

Oregon state Sen. Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) invoked the spirit of past Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur, who gave the keynote address at the dedication of the dam on July 17, 1932.

Ferrioli said the importance of the dam wasn't lost on Wilbur, who stressed that the conservation of water was of utmost importance for the West.

"Those words are as profound today as they were 75 years ago," Ferrioli said.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) took the sentiment a step further, connecting water — the mother's milk crucial in the creation of a fertile farming region — to the Owyhee Initiative legislation that now sits in the Senate.

"On the water side, what I call the Owyhee headwaters is what provides the water here," Crapo said in an interview with The Owyhee Avalanche after the event.

"The Initiative not only protects the land but also the quality and reliability of these flows."

Crapo's state director for natu-

ral resources, Layne Bangerter, added that the Initiative's Wild and Scenic Rivers provision "ensures the water gets here by protecting senior rights."

The parallel of the two eras was obvious to Crapo.

"There's an interesting continuum here that 75 years ago people were looking for the best way to manage this area," Crapo said.

"And now with the Owyhee Initiative we're looking to the future to see what is the best way to manage the land and the water here."

Bureau of Reclamation commissioner Robert Johnson marveled that even after 75 years, Owyhee Dam stood strong even as the West's water infrastructure faces crisis.

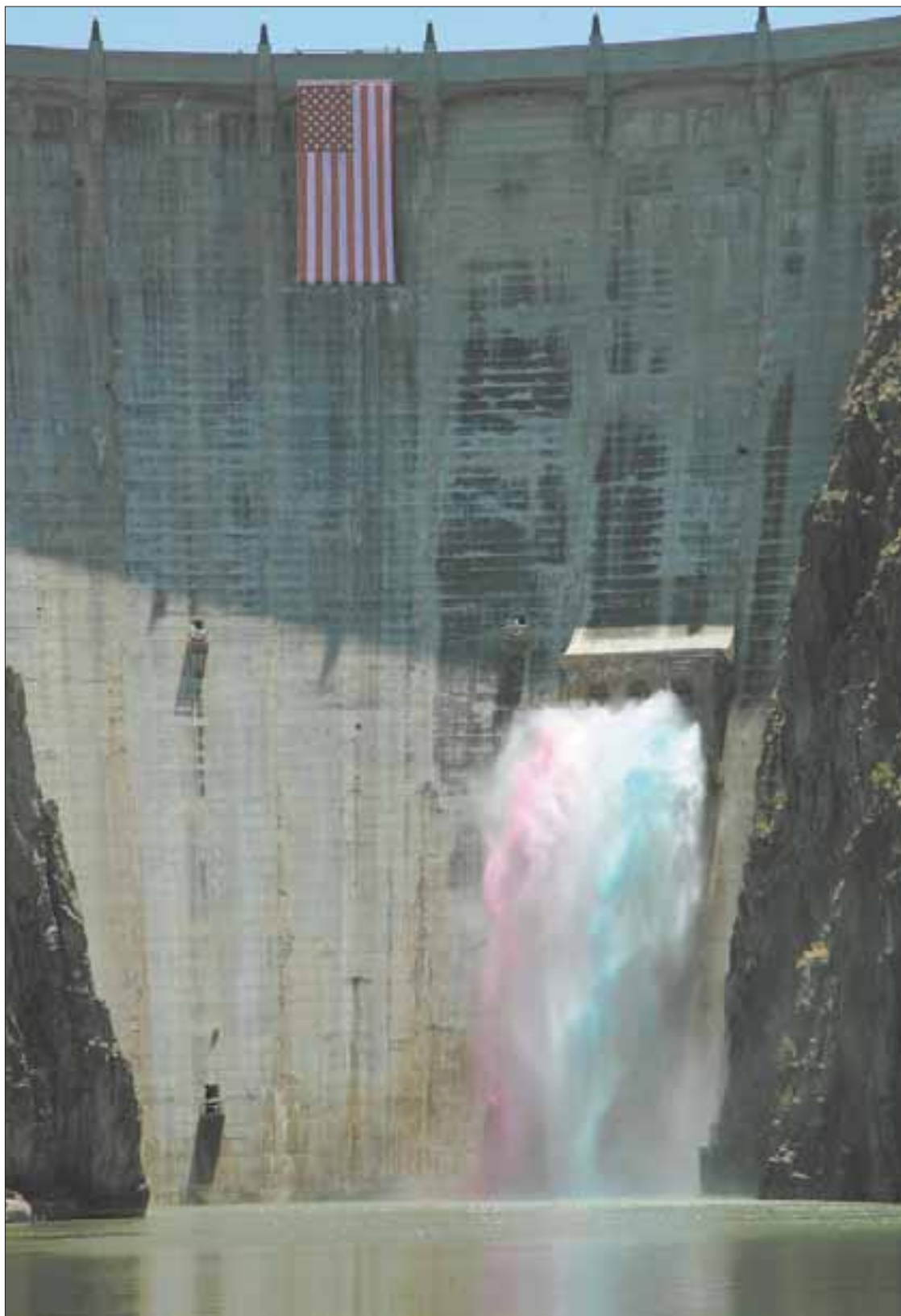
"Sixty percent of our facilities are 50 years or older," Johnson said. "My sense is that this dam is still in pretty good shape, but I bet there are some needs."

"We need to make sure that we meet the requirements to maintain these facilities."

Jay Chamberlin, the Owyhee Irrigation District manager who served as master of ceremonies, was thrilled at the success of the day, which he said attracted between 2,500 and 3,000 people to the facility on a boiling hot day.

"It exceeded expectations," he said. "For the weather conditions we were dealing, it was great."

— JPB



Sights of a celebration

Clockwise from top:

Water dyed red and blue flowed from the jets at the Owyhee Dam after a large American flag was unfurled.

A Vale, Ore., car club drove vintage cars to the event.

Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), left, and Norm Semanko, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association, afterward.

A big crowd braved the heat to hear Saturday's group of speakers.

As a child, Berda Palmer lived in the Watson community that was eventually flooded to make way for Lake Owyhee.

Robert Johnson, Bureau of Reclamation commissioner, was the day's final speaker.



Nuke talk heats up energy meetings

County's draft resource plan forced to share stage with proposed plant

Moderator Fred Grant laid down the law early Thursday night in the last of two public meetings about the Owyhee County Energy Plan.

"We have to move on tonight more rapidly than we did last night or we'll be here 'til breakfast," Grant said to open the meeting at the Marsing Senior Center.

"This has nothing to do with a potential nuclear plant in Owyhee County. It's about energy sources in the county."

And with that, the meeting was turned over to the presenters — and eventually was punctuated by a discussion of the proposed Idaho Energy Complex near Bruneau.

Grant was firm on why the proposed plant couldn't be discussed in length — the developers hadn't even submitted a conditional use permit application, and any talk of the plant could prejudice the two Owyhee County commissioners in attendance.

District 3 commissioner Dick Freund and District 2 commissioner Jerry Hoagland sat at the head table at the Marsing discussion. District 1 commissioner Hal Tolmie didn't attend either public meeting.

Written comment on the draft energy plan, which is available on the county's Web site, will be accepted until 5 p.m. Aug. 2 at the Planning and Zoning office

in Murphy.

Last week's first public meeting was held at the Grand View Senior Center on Wednesday.

The nuclear power plant issue took another turn Monday when IEC officials met with commissioners in Murphy and submitted a CUP application to the county planning and zoning department for review.

IEC chief executive Don Gillespie addressed citizens at both Energy Plan meetings last week, extolling the consistency of nuclear power and denouncing other power sources showcased by state Department of Water Resources officials John Crockett and Gerald Fleischman — wind, geothermal, solar and hydroelectric — as unreliable.

Afterward, county P&Z commissioner Joe Weatherby — chair of the energy task force — tried to steer the focus back to the purpose of the meetings.

"We're trying to take advantage of what Owyhee County has and the current situation we have with energy, and if we don't do it, we'll be sorry," Weatherby said Monday morning.

While Gillespie disagreed with the other three presenters on how to create energy sources in the county, all four concurred that finding a solution now was crucial.



Small turnouts at both meetings

Owyhee County Planning and Zoning commissioner Joe Weatherby, the author of the Energy Plan discussed last week, opens Thursday's meeting in Marsing. Weatherby said that a total of about 40 citizens attended the two discussions. The first public meeting was held Wednesday at the Grand View Senior Center.

"Right now, energy is a big deal," Weatherby said in his opening remarks Thursday.

"It's probably going to be a big deal for the rest of our lives and our kids' lives."

Crockett told the Marsing crowd that Idaho imports 54 percent of its energy — making the state the largest per capita importer in the West.

Crockett outlined different ways to create energy — biomass, solar, geothermal, wind — and specifically addressed how some of the sources could bolster the county's economy.

He said that biomass sources would create a new revenue stream for farmers through the use of grain and animal waste to produce fuels.

Fleischman stressed that Idaho

ranks in the top 15 nationally for wind power potential, and that Owyhee ridges would be ideal for the construction of wind farms to create an energy source.

The potential of dotting otherwise pristine Owyhee "high points" with windmills raised the ire of a few in the Marsing audience, including Shoshone-Paiute Tribes director of cultural resources Ted Howard.

Howard spoke up for his people as well as the species of animals that inhabit the areas of the Owyhees coveted by energy developers.

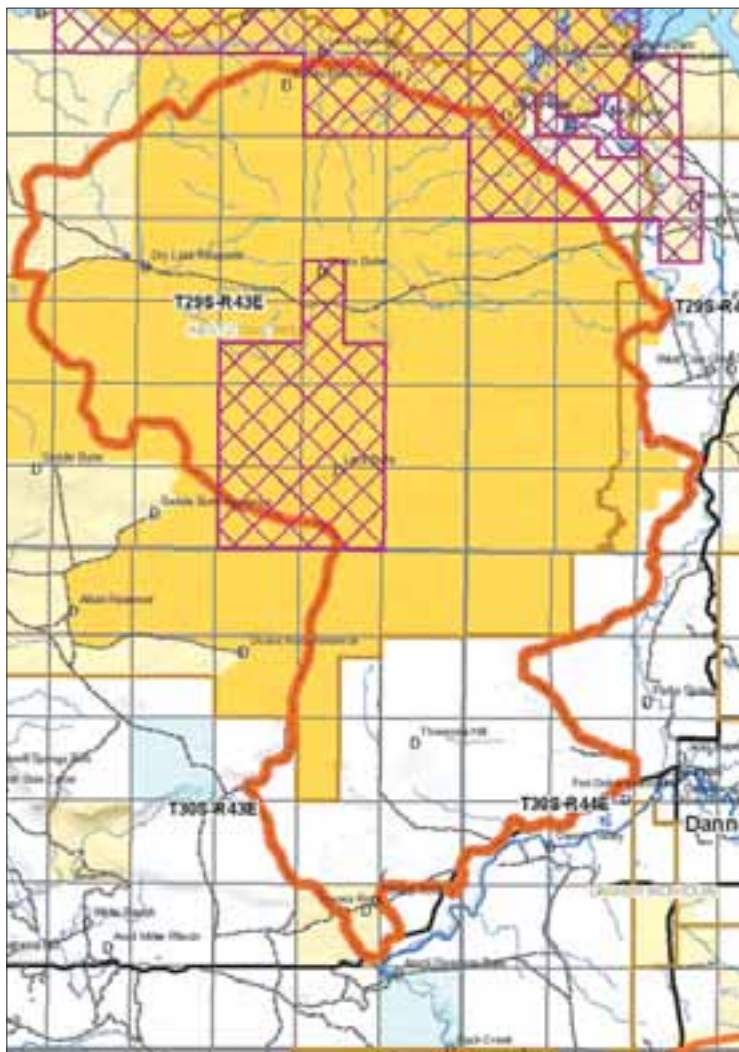
"When we sit here and listen, we're only thinking of ourselves and we don't consider the destruction of everything else that is out there," Howard said.

— JPB



Pleas from an ancient culture

Ted Howard, director of cultural resources for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, delivered a passionate address Thursday night in Marsing about what he sees as the short-sightedness of people who are seeking to develop energy resources in Owyhee County.



Fire ravages range near Jordan Valley

The 31,258-acre area devastated by the Clark Butte Fire west of Jordan Valley and north of Arock is outlined in red on this map provided by the Bureau of Land Management's Vale District. The fire was contained late in the evening of July 10, according to BLM spokesperson Debbie Lyons.

Owyhee country wildfires

Recovery begins for some; battle rages on elsewhere

If it can be assumed that the importance of rangeland is proportionate to the amount of equipment and manpower thrown at wildfires, then the Owyhee country land burned by a series of blazes recently is exactly what the ranchers who work it say it is.

Priceless.

Incoming Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Dana Rutan — a rancher in the South Mountain area — said during the weekend that the Jordan Valley rodeo grounds and high school football field was packed with equipment and tents and other support buildings to house the scores of firefighters dispatched to fight blazes burning on several fronts.

A force of 200 firefighters contained the Clark Butte Fire 15 miles west of Jordan Valley at 10 p.m. on the night of July 17, according to Bureau of Land Management Vale District public information officer Debbie Lyons.

Lyons said that the rehabilitation of the rangeland affected by the

Clark Butte Fire will be minimal because it was confined to an area dotted with lava fields. Reseeding will be done in "pockets," she said.

"The number of acres burned will affect one permittee, but it won't affect the number of AUMs (animal units per month) they can turn out," Lyons said.

"There's enough flexibility that it looks like they will be able to accommodate (cattle feeding needs) with other pastures."

The outlook was very different for the areas in the Owyhees where fires were still burning at press time.

The larger of two substantial range fires in Owyhee County — the Tongue Complex — was only 35 percent contained Monday morning. The complex, consisting of the Crutcher fire and Bald fire, had burned 48,000 acres while crews continued to battle hot and windy conditions that were hampering suppression efforts.

According to a press release issued by the South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management

team commanded by Allen Johnson, 340 fire personnel were working the Tongue Complex with air support.

The release took an optimistic tone because the fire was approaching flatter terrain with lighter fuel loads.

Area rancher Dennis Stanford said that the Tongue Complex has burned extensively on Juniper Mountain because of a buildup of grasses.

"There's never been a fire that big on Juniper Mountain before mainly because there was never that much grass on it," Stanford said. "The new grass is dry a month earlier than normally, and that definitely has taken its toll."

Meanwhile, crews anticipated containing the Boulder Creek Fire, located about 6 miles from Silver City, by Monday night.

Reports put the fire at 4,350 acres on mostly private land.

Ninety-two firefighters still were dealing with hot spots and mop-up Monday, according to reports.

— JPB

Highway crew solves one Thompson Road issue



Mother worries about conditions of signs
A recent car crash at the end of Thompson Road caught Theresa Phifer's attention — again. *Above:* This dead end sign was fixed Monday by a Homedale Highway District crew. *Top:* A sign advising motorists to slow as they reach the crest of a hill heading west on Thompson Road is the only traffic control on the roadway. A school bus stop sign still lays face-down nearby in the weeds.



Director vows to straighten out signage issue

A recent accident at the end of Thompson Road in Homedale has rekindled one resident's concern for safety in her neighborhood.

And the Homedale Highway District may be listening to Theresa Phifer.

Phifer says she has been trying to get the attention of the district for 18 months because people drive at unsafe speeds in front of her house, which sits near the crest of a hill just west of Homestead Road.

"Traffic has gotten so bad with all the new houses being built," Phifer said.

Her latest push to have something done about the stretch of road came after a boy and his adult cousin were involved in a one-vehicle crash on July 4 at a point where Thompson Road turns to gravel near private property.

John Wayne Richmond Jr., 21, was cited for reckless driving after the accident. Authorities say that even though Richmond probably was traveling the speed limit, he was driving too fast for conditions considering he had come to the end of the pavement on Thompson Road.

Phifer said a sign warning motorists of a dead-end road east of the canal in which Richmond's pickup ended up that night was taken down by a local property owner when he built an irrigation pump on the edge of his land near the north shoulder of Thompson.

"He props the sign up, but it falls down," Phifer said of the sign, which was found face-down on the shoulder soon after the July 4 accident.

Homedale Highway District crews secured the sign in the ground Monday.

Phifer also said that motorists drive entirely too fast for the road. There are no posted speed-limit signs on the roadway, and Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said that when unposted the speed limit on county roads is 50 mph. Phifer says she drives 35 mph on the road.

Phifer said most motorists probably travel 50 mph, but the combination of the blind hill and driveways at the crest of the hill (including her deaf stepfather uses) calls for slower speeds.

There is a "Slow" sign soon after Thompson's intersection with Homestead, and a second "School Bus Stop" sign lies face-down in the weeds just to the east of the "Slow" sign.

"All the people building around here have taken these signs down," she said. "It's going to take one of my kids getting killed on their horse for something to get done."

Fred Demshar, a highway district commissioner, said last week that he would work to get the "Dead End" and "School Bus Stop" signs replaced.

While the the "Dead End" sign was fixed Monday, the school bus sign remained face-down in the weeds.

He also will try to get a slower speed established near the hill.

"I'll just bring it in front of the board next meeting," Demshar said. "All we have to do is vote yea or nay or inspect (the sign and area)."

Demshar, who has served 18 years, is joined on the board of directors by Larry Prow and Mark Stimmel.

The next district board meeting is 8 p.m. on Aug. 1 at the Homedale Highway District office in town.

But Demshar said that a meeting — and a vote — isn't necessary for the board to take action on a dangerous situation. The district even can set a speed limit lower than the unposted 50 mph.

He also mentioned that road crews head out on Monday mornings to replace signs that have fallen down or have been taken down or vandalized.

Phifer said the two signs in her neighborhood have been down for some time.

— JPB

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Trojans' summer heats up with passing league



Homedale tunes up for another camp

Homedale High School's summer football program played host to a 7-on-7 passing league on July 9, giving players like quarterback Joey Cline, above, and receiver Trent Acree, left, another chance to learn new coach Rob Kassebaum's system.

"The receivers are learning the routes and the defense is getting work learning the system," Kassebaum said. "The (junior varsity) team will be far ahead when the first game comes around by putting in time over the summer."

During the passing league, the Trojans edged Payette, 9-6, despite errant quarterback throws. Homedale also shut out Baker City, 15-0, before playing a combination squad of Kassebaum's old Nyssa team and Baker City.

Homedale played in a passing league Monday in Payette as a final tuneup for the Western Idaho Camp, which runs Friday through Tuesday.

New coach set to cultivate excitement

Chamberlain comes to Homedale from Jordan Valley with farm, family and girls basketball on agenda

His new school is larger and in a different state, but Jeremy Chamberlain sees a lot of similarities between Homedale and Jordan Valley high schools.

"Homedale kids have a lot of the same background as Jordan Valley kids," Chamberlain said. "There's agriculture and ranching, and with that comes the same work ethic and the same desires and, I hope, the same dedication."

Chamberlain was confirmed as the Trojans' new girls basketball coach during the July 9 Homedale School District board of trustees meeting. He succeeds Mike Greeley, who resigned after two seasons at the helm.

Chamberlain comes to Homedale after leading the Jordan Valley girls basketball team to consecutive appearances in the 1A Oregon state tournament. His teams won 48 of 54 games in the past two seasons.

The Mustangs were eliminated in the first round in 2005-06, but reached the second round last season after a dramatic 40-38 overtime victory against Southwest Christian in Beaverton.

"We're real excited about the success he's had at Jordan Valley," Homedale athletic director David Hart said. "He's a great, dedicated



Jeremy Chamberlain

young man.

"He's been working a farm and teaching and coaching, and he took time to get his Master's."

Chamberlain recently completed his Master's in Administration at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Sounds like he's just as hard-working as the athletes he has coached in Jordan Valley as both the girls basketball coach and the football coach. He spent five years as girls basketball coach, and four years as head coach for football after one year as an assistant.

Before that, he coached girls basketball for three seasons at Willow Creek Middle School in his hometown of Vale, Ore.

Chamberlain lives in Vale with his wife of two years, Anna-Marie, who is expected the couple's first child in October.

That's right. Smack dab in the early days of Chamberlain's first season as Trojans' coach.

"I'm not super-concerned about

— See **Coach**, page 16

Homedale grad breathes life back into athletics

Richard Cook admits he wasn't best baseball player at Homedale High School more than 20 years ago.

But the positive attitude the 1984 graduate brought to the field as a Trojan is a key ingredient to his current unofficial job salvaging area athletics.

He recently completed a season as director of the Snake River Valley youth baseball league, and — with the help of other enthusiastic volunteers — brought the league back from the brink and closer to the glory days Cook enjoyed as a player in the 1970s.

"Last year, it just kind of disbanded, and several of us from the various communities saw the effect that it had on our kids — summer baseball was not as fun as it should have been," Cook said.

"... I started making some phone calls to some of the coaches ... and with a little work was able to get all of us together in one place."

The result was the rebirth of



Richard Cook

— See **Athletics**, page 16

Coach's daughter takes over JVs

HMS coaches also tabbed by board

Homedale High School hired a coach for its junior varsity girls soccer team, and she has pretty familiar name.

Kandi Stragey, the daughter of new Trojans varsity girls soccer coach Kirt Stragey, was confirmed during the school board's monthly meeting on July 9.

"She has a fantastic soccer background," Homedale athletic director David Hart said. "She's coached soccer before, and she's helped her dad before, too."

Stragey, who is attending Boise State University, played junior college soccer after an all-state and league-MVP career in high school.

"She was a great candidate," Hart said. "We're lucky to have someone with her soccer background."

Several Homedale Middle School coaches also were confirmed during the July 9 meeting:

- Shari Kirk will coach the seventh-grade girls basketball A team.
- Taci Morris has been tabbed as the seventh-grade girls basketball B team coach.
- Homedale High School varsity football coach Rob Kassebaum was hired as a track and field coach at the middle school.
- Larry Corta will coach the HMS eighth-grade football team.

Additionally, Carri Lauson was named to succeed Barbie Vander Boegh as the middle school's Academic Bowl advisor.

Sports

✓ Athletics: Cook tackles Notus' summer rec program

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the Snake River league.

An extension of rebuilding the league was turning around the Notus rec program. Cook lives in the Canyon County town with his wife, Cyndi, and sons Derrick (a Notus High senior) and seventh-grader Kris. He coached both sons in the Notus baseball program.

"I prefer the word strengthening to rebuilding," he said of his job

with the rec program.

Cook's goal is to instill a love of baseball in the young athletes, and stem the tide of other interests eroding the sport's popularity.

"If we get kids excited about it now without using the 'win at all cost' mentality, they will be more excited to play in the years to come and more willing to learn the game.

— JPB

✓ Coach: Chamberlain attracted by shorter drive, similar work ethic among athletes

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that right now," the coach said of any conflict fatherhood may have with coaching. "I think my schedule will be flexible enough that I can get done what I need to do and not take away from my family."

Chamberlain isn't teaching at the moment. He's focusing on his alfalfa, corn and radish seed crops north of Vale, and he says he's excited about being able to live a little closer to his coaching assignment.

"I've been driving back and forth between Jordan Valley and Vale for five years," he said. "Just running back and forth and running ourselves ragged.

"That led to the decision to move back here and get back to where our family was."

While teaching and coaching at Jordan Valley, he commuted from Vale — about 100 miles

'One thing I like is the time and distance. We're playing a lot of local games.'

— **Jeremy Chamberlain**
New Homedale girls basketball coach

ger teaches (he does see himself getting back in the classroom at some point), he is channeling his desire to help the younger generation into coaching.

"I'm very comfortable with where I'm at, but there's still a desire to do more and influence as much as I can. I enjoy working with youth," he said.

Chamberlain got his first look at most of his new charges late last week, but he already knows that he wants to install an up-tempo game with "full-court" offense and defense.

"I hope they're very anxious and ready to learn and ready to work hard," he said. "I hope that desire is there.

"I hope that their desires can match my desires and that we can get on the same page and focus on our goals quickly."

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School levy passes by one vote at PV

A one-year plant facilities levy for \$75,000 passed 19-8 by Pleasant Valley school patrons last Friday, according to Vernon Kershner, board chairman.

The levy is to be raised to construct new school facilities, Kershner said.

The levy, which required a two-thirds majority vote, passed by one vote.

Clerk Alexis Stanford said the turnout was the “biggest we’ve had.” The district is located east of Jordan Valley, on the Idaho side in Owyhee County, and is an elementary school district.

Kershner said he anticipates the construction to begin “possibly next year.”

Taggart hired as junior-senior high principal

Former junior high school principal Nolan Taggart was hired as senior high school principal of the Homedale district to replace Daryl Kellum during Monday night’s board of trustees meeting, according to district clerk Jim Duncan.

Hired as assistant junior-senior high principal was Larry Goto.

Kellum resigned recently to take a position in Alaska.

Head football coach for the upcoming year will be Jim McMillian, formerly assistant coach at Vallivue, Duncan said.

Resignations were accepted by the board from Daryl and Norene Kellum, Joe Ihli and Dick Fauss, and Kathy Cammack was hired as an elementary library aide, Duncan said.

In other business, the trustees elected Wanda Ferguson as chairman of the board, and Dennis Ankeny as vice chairman.

The board voted to waive tuition charges for students in grades 9-12, the clerk said.

‘Wild about Owyhee’ is fair, rodeo theme

“Wild about Owyhee” is the theme of the 1982 Owyhee County Fair. Dates of the fair are August 16 through 21, at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

The annual fair parade will be Saturday, August 16, and parade chairman Pam Carson is urging participants to contact division heads early. The parade is sponsored by the Owyhee County Fair Board, and organized by Xi Alpha Delta Sorority of Homedale.

Military exercise planned

“Owyhee Roundup 82” — the biggest military exercise ever held in Idaho — is about to begin.

The mock battle is planned for July 19 through 23 in an area south of Indian Cove. Increased flying will occur within a range between 30 miles south of Wild Horse Reservoir; west to Winnemucca, Nev.; and north to about 20 miles east of Rome, Ore.

Some 65 aircraft from Air Force, Navy, Air Guard and Reserve units will be on hand to participate in the exercise.

Army news

Kevil L. Werre, son of Art and Mamie Werre of Marsing, has completed training in fundamental military skills at the Army ROTC basic camp at Fort Knox, Ky.

The basic camp is designed to give junior college graduates and college graduates and college sophomores who have not taken ROTC courses the chance to enter the program. The camp also qualifies high school graduates for the ROTC program at any of the nation’s six military junior colleges.

During the encampment, cadets received training in basic rifle marksmanship, military drill and ceremonies, communications and individual and small unit tactics.

Werre plans to enter the ROTC program at Boise State University, Idaho. He is a 1981 graduate of Marsing High school.

50 years ago

July 18, 1957

Warrant accuses Mrs. Bertha Ehrhart of destroying city clerk’s records

A warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Bertha Ehrhart, Homedale city clerk, accusing her of destroying city records, was issued Tuesday by Probate Judge Wayne A Grammer, Murphy.

The warrant, issued on a complaint singed by Sheriff Jim Tucker, accused Mrs. Ehrhart of destroying city duplicate receipts for the past year, a police court docket, and a bank deposit book.

A check Monday of an incinerator barrel, used for burning trash at Mrs. Ehrhart’s residence, showed evidence that some or all of the records had been burned there, Sheriff Tucker told the Owyhee Chronicle.

The investigation was made by city police officers and county sheriff’s officers, aided by Sylvan Jeppeson, county attorney.

The officers took the barrel and its contents as evidence and for further study, possibly by a laboratory.

Meanwhile, no trace of the missing woman has been found. Officers have worked out numerous leads, but none have produced any concrete evidence as to how Mrs. Ehrhart left the Homedale city hall on the night of Monday, July 8, or whether she is alive or dead.

Belief that she was a victim of foul play, because of signs of a struggle in the city hall, and the fact that she had a threatening note in her purse is now largely discounted by officers in view of the fact that city records have been destroyed.

Mayor explains new police set-up at Kiwanis meeting

Mayor Joe Eiguren explained the new police set-up in Homedale to members of the Kiwanis club at the regular meeting Wednesday noon at El Gavilan.

Only two officers, Police Chief Jim Hill and Lorrain Upton, are now employed by the city, and they are setting their own patrol hours, Mayor Eiguren said. This has been in effect since July 1.

The city will have an officer on duty at all hours of the night, but during the day no regular patrol will be maintained. Officers will be on call, however, 24 hours a day.

Connecting telephones are being investigated as a means of getting better contact between the public and the city officers, and a red signal light may be installed on the water tower so an officer can be signaled. Mayor Eiguren said. He also suggested the possibility of securing a walkie-talkie to communicate with an officer driving the city police car.

Lake Owyhee bill to be introduced

A bill that would designate the Lake Owyhee resort area as a national park and would appropriate one-half million dollars to develop it will soon come before the US Senate, Wilton Jackson, president of the Nyssa chamber of commerce, said Tuesday.

The bill, recorded as SB 2433, has had two readings in the Senate to date, he added.

Jackson stated that the Nyssa C of C will ask all organizations of Nyssa and the surrounding area to write their congressmen and request passage of the bill.

Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. George Wolff and family retuned Sunday night after a two-week vacation that took them to Courtney on Victoria Island in British Columbia, Canada. They returned by way of Portland where they visited with the Manford Logans and Nazworthys and spent two nights at the races.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lineberger spent several days of last week at Warm Lake.

Mrs. Phonse Babbitt visited with Mrs. Martha Wiggs, who has been ill, at her home in Nampa, Thursday.

Mrs. Mattie Belibs, Mrs. Hazel Gipson, and James Hore, Caldwell, were Sunday afternoon guests at the Joe Snell home.

140 years ago

July 13, 1867

FLINT DISTRICT. By L. H. Maize’s stage, we made the trip to and from Flint on Wednesday. The road is in fine condition and the ride a very pleasant one. The report that “Bill” is a careless driver is not true. He guides a team round the curves with accuracy and to tell the whole truth with much dispatch. By taking passage with him at 7am the passenger is landed in Oro or Owyhee City in two hours thereafter. This gives ample time to transact business, look at the mines, visit some and get back to Silver by the same conveyance before night.

Generally speaking of Flint, it is truth to say that the more labor and time men spend there, the more sanguine and full of faith they become in the richness of their ledges. The Iowa and Idaho and Owyhee G & S. M. Co.’s are together sinking a shaft at the Discovery on the Forrest, which will be put down at least one hundred feet and timbered securely. They are now down forty feet.

Work on the Leviathan has stopped — Mr. Liebenan having established to his satisfaction that the vein is a true, large and rich one. There is tunnel and shaft work done on it to the extent of about two hundred feet, and the rich ore on the dump is proof of its character. The ledge is bonded to Mr. L. for San Francisco parties, some of whom are expected to arrive here soon. The complete and fair trial of his process of concentration has been delayed owing to the unsuitableness of the timber with which his works were constructed. He has sent for other lumber and as soon as it reaches here he will remedy present defects.

John Wilson has a force of several men mining on the Rising Star: The stoppage of work on this ledge is well known to have not been occasioned by a scarcity of ore in it or of too poor quality. We have it from Mr. Thomas McDonald — chemist and assayer — that the ore of this mine can be worked at a profit of forty to fifty dollars per tun. To do this, a mill and works adapted to the ore must be constructed. Here is a most excellent chance for men or a company of men of means to invest in quartz mining without any doubt as to results being profits.

JUNK & LESLIE are holding forth photographically and considerably for this interior port. They do as fine work as is necessary anywhere. Don’t cost but a trifle to get a facsimile of the “human face divine” (the poetical for it), and if you don’t want it yourself your friends may, and if you have no friends it’s as “good luck as any,” perhaps — for the latter. It’s good to have a picture about your clothes, in case of suicide in a strange land — as it might enable the coroner to come back on your relatives, &c.

THE OWYHEE COMPANY’S mill has started up again after lying idle since last November. It is now in better trim than ever before. Some five weeks have been spent with a large force of men repairing it, and nearly every part come in for some improvement, so that it is quite a model of neatness as well as of mechanical order and system. The tailing-yard has been cleaned out, improved and enlarged. An ore yard in front of the mill is being constructed so as to give more and better room for advance supplies of ore. Some thousands of tuns will be placed there before winter. The mill will not stop again except it be on Sundays and for incidental repairs. The machinery for the enlargement of its pan capacity will be here shortly, and the foundation and other work is being prepared to receive it. This addition once completed, the full twenty stamps will be kept going constantly. Everything about the mill is being made and improved specially with reference to working Poorman ore. R. H. Leonard has had full charge of the reconstruction, and a look round there shows him to be conversant with quartz mills and their conveniences.

The Company is making an experiment in working the tailings by the Kent process. The tailings are first made into bricks, then calcined in furnace and subsequently worked in barrels. If it proves profitable, works on a large scale will be constructed and the tailings all treated by this process.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



I’m Ridin’

My Papa told a story from his childhood dust bowl days
He was out a’ridin’ fences tryin’ to find ’em , anyways
When he saw a cowboy buried in the sand up to his waist
Papa trotted up behind him till he saw the feller’s face.
“How ya doin’?” asked my Papa, careful not to be blindsidin’.
The cowboy tipped his hat, looked up and said, “I’m fine, I’m ridin’.”

As time went by my Papa grew and finally found a girl
But the big war put him on a ship and clear around the world.
Their letters few and far between were sweet in many ways
She would write him love and kisses and inquire about his days
’Bout his health, and meals and mental state and how he was abidin’,
“Don’t worry, Darlin’ I’ll be home” he said, “I’m fine, I’m ridin’.”

Back home they bought a little place and started raisin’ cattle
And corn and kids and country, never saw life as a battle
But a chance, an opportunity, took the bitter with the sweet.
So busy with their daily chores just makin’ loose ends meet
Sometimes they’d pass each other like two ships at sea a glidin’.
He’d peck her cheek, she’d squeeze his hand, “We’re fine,” they’d say, “we’re ridin’.”

Their life went by and they got old and then she had a stroke.
He held her till the medics came but ne’er a word she spoke.
He prayed like he had never prayed to heal the one he loved
And when the wheel chair brought her home he thanked the Lord above.
“I’ve been so worried,” he said in tears, her smile began to widen.
He touched her face and read her lips, “I’m fine,” she said, “I’m ridin’.”

Some will see their life half empty, some will see their cup half full
Some will only open one eye and find living miserable
But if yer fine and ridin’, you can see and you can plan
’Cause life’s got a lot to offer, if yer head’s not in the sand.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*

A happy birthday in Lucerne



It’s Thursday morning, March 29. We will be spending the day in Lucerne, Switzerland, which appears to be about as pretty a place as one could spend a day. And, it’s my birthday.
Lucerne (or Luzern), which has a population of about 57,000, is smack dab in the center of Switzerland on the shore of Lake Lucerne, surrounded by rugged alpine peaks. The view is a little deceiving, however, because the city is 1,000 feet lower in altitude than Boise.
Our hotel is on the lakeshore, just around the corner from a big railroad passenger station and within easy walking distance of the heart of the city.
Michael, our guide, leads us through the winding streets to a small park. Carved into a huge rock overlooking a pond is “The Dying Lion of Lucerne.” The life-sized statue of a lion, near death, with a broken spear shaft in his side, commemorates the sacrifice of nearly 1,000 members of the Swiss Guard who were killed by mobs during the French Revolution while they tried to protect King Louis XVI. Since they were hired mercenaries, the Guardsmen could have packed up and gone home. But they had given their word so they stayed — and died. Their “word” is what the monument is about.
Part of the tour group heads off for a cable car ride to the top of a nearby mountain. Sara and I stay in the city. Lucerne is much cleaner than the Italian towns we have visited. The pace of life seems much slower, too. We walk uphill about a half-mile to the old city wall. On the way back, I decide that although it’s a sunny day, it’s a little nippy to be wandering around without a coat (left in our car at the Boise Airport). We go into a downtown store that reminds me a little of Macy’s back home. In a corner of the men’s department, on a clearance rack, I find the perfect jacket. It’s made of sort of a black canvas material with knit cuffs and collar, and pockets with metal zippers.
At another store, Sara finds a pendant watch with an enameled reproduction of the Dying Lion of Lucerne. Now we both have souvenirs of our visit. We stop at a shop to get something to eat and discover one of the only negatives of Switzerland. All the surrounding countries use the Euro. Switzerland uses the Swiss Franc, which



The Dying Lion of Lucerne

has about the same value as the U.S. dollar. Most Swiss businesses won’t accept Euro coins but will take bills. Then they give you change in Swiss coins, which no one outside Switzerland will accept. Any change you get, you must spend before leaving the country.
We stroll across the Chapel Bridge on the Reuss River, which divides the city. The 670-foot covered wooden bridge was built in 1333. If a fire hadn’t burned most of it in 1993, the 674-year-old structure would still be mostly original. A young woman who is part of a TV crew from a local college sticks a microphone in my face and asks me what I know about the bridge. I tell her I’m American and don’t know much about anything. The crew is trying to prove the Chapel Bridge is longer and more famous than another old bridge in another town.
After lunch we rejoin the tour group. Some of us board a boat for a tour of the lake. Once we get out on the water, a chilly wind drives most of the passengers inside. We tough it out on the top deck where I have a chance to appreciate my birthday jacket. The view from the lake is breathtaking. But the view has a price. The boat captain says the “average” new home in Lucerne is about 1,200 square feet and costs \$1 million.
Later, we relax at the hotel. I think I will miss Lucerne more than any other city we have visited. But early tomorrow we must leave this serene place behind. Friday evening we will be in Paris!

Reader’s opinion County PA wasting time and money

by Don Barnhill

Having been in Owyhee County now for some 18 years, seeing politicians come and go, seeing some stay who clearly have done irreparable harm to the county, and all the while embracing the collective atmosphere of the old traditional ways of living, that I hold dear, I will make the following overall observations:
There are too few people who enter local politics who don’t have an agenda or a cause to further. Some simply want to protect and nurture the lifestyle and area we call ours, while others want to gain from the experience, push their pet projects along or just downright profit from the steering of positions they can implement with their power.
In my dealings with Dick Freund, I have clearly learned to respect and admire the man for his honesty and integrity. To my knowledge, he has no agenda, no nest to feather and is above reproach for any kind of impropriety. He is clearly the one person who listens, evaluates and decides for the good of all parties.



Don Barnhill

For our county prosecutor to file a legal action against Dick, in my mind, speaks to the absurdity, lack of communication skills and waste of time and money that Mr. Faulks obviously has embraced.
The office of county prosecutor has been, and apparently still is being, misused to waste our tax money pursuing non-meaningful and in some cases flagrantly misguided litigation.
The cost to the taxpayers is far greater than perceived, for when all the lawyers get through with this, the bills will startle you. We need to have an accounting so that the taxpayers know what this kind of foolishness costs.
My suggestion for Mr. Faulks — spend your energy on the legitimate problems, offenders and crime perpetrators instead of plea bargaining the cases (because you haven’t the fortitude or talent to litigate them) and leave the good citizens like Dick Freund alone. The kind of

Commentary

From Washington
Workable immigration policy is possible

by Sen. Mike Crapo

While not everyone knows for certain the circumstances of their ancestors coming to this country, most can say with certainty that these brave men and women found an opportunity to make the promise of a better life a reality. And, like millions of immigrants before (and after), they shed former allegiances to countries of birth and became — very proudly — Americans. Most Americans share this common heritage: immigrant ancestors coming to this country and enthusiastically adopting a collective history, language and adherence to the rule of law.

Immigration as a public policy issue encompasses American identity, national security, rule of law and our economy. The failures in these areas in the current immigration system were clearly evident in the recent Congressional debate.

Immigration reaches to the heart of American identity — what it means to be a citizen. Drove of highly emotional phone calls, letters and e-mails I recently received reveal deep convictions that people have about being American. We embrace a commonality of purpose through shared language, love of freedom and respect for liberty.

Immigration affects national security; successful immigration policy means passing and enforcing laws. Border security is a cornerstone of sound immigration law. If our borders are jeopardized, homeland security is compromised.



Sen. Mike Crapo

America is synonymous with opportunity precisely because we are a nation of laws. We are governed by them; by adhering to them and the framework under which they are administered — our Constitution — we live in peace, freedom and prosperity. Abiding by the rule of law means rejecting policies that reward illegal entry into the United States with the gift of permanent residency. This only serves to encourage new illegal immigration. Gaining citizenship is a privilege, granted to those who uphold our laws. Immigration policy must reflect the fact that citizenship is a privilege, not a right. Furthermore, any new naturalization procedures and permanent legal residency programs provided by law must be created only after carefully evaluating immigration healthcare costs and tax ramifications. This didn't occur to my satisfaction. Above all, the primary reason I voted against this bill was because it granted immediate permanent legal residency to everyone who has illegally entered the country since the last amnesty program in 1986.

At the same time, we must have a temporary guest

worker program to fill jobs that are not filled by American citizens. A robust economy depends on it. U.S.-based businesses need economic incentives to keep operations stateside. If they have a dependable labor pool at all skill levels, incentives to move operations overseas are greatly decreased. We appreciate consumer goods and agriculture products "Made in America." We can keep things that way by approaching immigration rationally and sensibly. Whatever the skill level, any temporary guest worker system must be enforceable and reliable for the worker and employer. Once Americans have been given "first right" to jobs, employers such as the agriculture industry must have access to a system that's cost-effective, not bureaucratic, and doesn't carry the risk of prosecution while employers are trying to comply with the law. Congress understands the urgency of reaching a workable solution and is moving in the right direction.

Idahoans are concerned about all aspects of immigration and represent all sides of the debate. Discussions have been productive, and many good ideas were introduced. U.S. immigration policy has always been contentious and challenging, but I'm confident that we will yet find a path forward to preserve border integrity, keep our economy growing, and, above all and within the framework of the rule of law, keep America a place that represents freedom and the promise of a better life.

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

From Washington
Secret-ballot voting essential to America's workers

by Sen. Larry Craig

The Democratic leadership in Congress is pushing through a measure to eliminate secret ballots. Yes, you heard me right — the very foundation of our system of government is being shaken up by those elected to serve you.

Is a camera going to record you at the ballot box as you cast your vote for president? No, but if national union leaders have their way, they will eliminate secret ballots for union organization elections.

Employees do, and should, have the right to organize without fear of retaliation or coercion. I have supported and will continue to support this. For the past 60 years, a secret ballot process has been in place for employees to cast a vote on whether or not to unionize. The election is run by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), and strict procedures are in place to prohibit intimidation by either the employer or the union.

Seventy-eight percent of union members want to maintain the current system of secret ballots, but union leaders are bucking their members.

Enter "card check." Union representatives hoping to unionize workers encourage them to sign cards stating they support unionization. When 30 percent of the employees



Sen. Larry Craig

sign a card, the NLRB deems that sufficient support to hold a secret ballot election. The gray area is that some employers will voluntarily accept a union when more than 50 percent of the employees sign cards. This is certainly an employer's choice, but it is not the law. National union leaders, though, want this process to be mandatory in order to circumvent secret ballots.

Not surprisingly, supporters of these changes aren't consistent. Key congressional supporters requested the Mexican government maintain secret ballot union elections, and the AFL-CIO supports secret ballot elections to decertify union representation, telling the NLRB that secret ballot elections, "provide the surest means of avoiding decisions which are the result of group pressures and not individual choices."

Why would someone who purportedly supports workers' rights want to strip workers of one of the fundamentals of our system of government? Simple — they are

hemorrhaging membership and need to boost their ranks to stay relevant. Union membership has plummeted from 20 percent in the 1980s to a scant 7.4 percent today. History has shown us that union organizing drives are much more successful when they use card check over secret ballots. They need the intimidation factor of looking over the voter's shoulder. Instead of intimidation, they should strive to better represent workers.

Part of the problem with the legislation is that it doesn't allow only the union representative but also the employer to spy on voters. This is exactly why the rank-and-file want to maintain secret ballots. In fact, virtually no one outside of national labor leaders and Democrats in Congress think this is a good idea. There is one notable exception: the Communist Party, USA has endorsed the legislation. Perhaps it reminds them of the good old days of Stalin, Mao and Castro.

The national union leadership is struggling for life. They want to strip the workers they claim to represent of a basic right — a right Americans are dying for in Iraq. My only regret when I voted "no" on this bill was that I didn't have purple ink to dip my finger in first.

— Larry Craig is a Republican U.S. senator from Idaho.

✓ County PA: Turbulence of jobs keeps people with knowledge from seeking government office

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action displayed by Mr. Faulks against Mr. Freund is the reason that darn few good people step to the plate to do the government's work.

Personally, my view is that the folks knowledgeable, talented and principled enough to do the government's work likely stand aside because of the hassles and problems attributed to doing so.

Mr. Freund has my gratitude for standing up to the task, doing it correctly, honestly and thoughtfully, and for his perseverance in a less-than-friendly environment.

Those of us who elected Dick, did so knowing his qualities, and I for one would never question that integrity. Mr. Faulks does not speak for me.

— Murphy's Don Barnhill has been in Owyhee County for 18 years.

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.

Reader's Opinions can be no longer than 600 words.

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

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

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

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JULY 2, 2007 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner’s Freund, Tolmie, and Hoagland, Clerk Sherburn, Treasurer Richards, Assessor Endicott, and Jim Desmond.

The Board approved amendments to the agenda to include: Tuition Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Plan Project, and Ratification of Comment to the BLM.

The Board approved funding for QRU training in MRW District.

The Board approved August 7th election for the Melba Cottage Library.

The Board took Tax Deed on parcel number RPB05200020060A Lt 6, Bl 2, Ashe Addition in Marsing.

The Board approved payment of bills, from the following funds:

Current Expense \$26,024, Road and Bridge \$77,749, District Court \$5,335, County Fair \$11,623, Probation \$1,839, Historical Society & Museum \$495, Indigent and Charity \$9,112, Pest \$100, Revaluation \$924, Solid Waste \$457, Weed \$284.

The Board approved a press release on the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Project.

The Board took the following action on pending Indigent & Charity cases.

06-59 the Board approved a subordination agreement.

07-25 the Board denied pursuant to I.C. 31-3505 (b).

07-24 the Board approved payment with a reimbursement agreement.

The Board approved a catering permit for the Owyhee Cattlemen’s.

The Board approved a hearing date of August 6th for purposed Planning and Zoning fee increases.

Department of Juvenile Corrections Director Larry Callicutt, Shelly McCoshum District Liaison, and Doris Jewett gave a Departmental Update.

The Board called for an executive session a personnel issue.

The Board convened as Board of Equalization to hear appeals.

07-12 through 07-52 were taken under advisement and will issue written decisions.

07-07 the Board upheld the Assessor’s value.

07-09 the Board upheld the Assessor’s value.

The Board approved residency certificates for students attending CSI

The Board adopted Resolution 07-09 Ratification of Comment on a BLM Travel Management Plan.

The Board recessed until July 5th at 1:00 to meet with department heads and elected officials and go over proposed budgets. The Board will convene again at 8:30 on July 6th to go over proposed budgets.

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

/s/Richard Freund, Chairman
Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk
7/18/07

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
On July 25th, 2007 beginning at 10:00 AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning

Commission will hear testimony at the **American Legion Hall, 126 N. Old Bruneau Hwy in Marsing, 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 07-13 filed by Larry & Margery Corta. The Corta’s are requesting a conditional use permit to develop a one-lot subdivision for residential use. Subject parcel is approximately six acres in size and is located in an Agricultural Zone Northwest of Homedale on Sanctuary Lane off Gulley Road in Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

11:00 – 5:00 The Commission will hear file 06-36 filed by Nick DeRuyter. Mr. DeRuyter has filed an application for a conditional use permit requesting permission to expand the current DeRuyter Dairy from 9,600 animals to 14,400 animals. Subject property is located Northwest of Marsing in an Agricultural zone off Buntrock Road in Sections 19 & 30, Township 3North, Range 4 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. The Commission will recess from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch.

For more information, please call the Planning & Zoning office at 495-2095.

7/4,18/07

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On August 8th, 2007 beginning at 11:00 AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in Courtroom #2 in the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below, When hearings are finished the commission will take up administrative matters:

11:00 – 12:00 The Commission will hear file 07-09 Hector Barraza’s application for a conditional use permit. Mr. Barraza is requesting permission to subdivide one five acre lot, split from a 19 acre parcel for the purpose of constructing a single family residence. Subject property is located in an Agricultural zone Southwest of Marsing off Market Road near Homestead Road in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

1:00 – 3:00 The Commission will hear file 06-25 Jess Van Hall’s application for a conditional use permit. Mr. Van Hall previously filed an application for a conditional use permit to subdivide a 37 acre parcel into 22 residential lots ranging in size from one to two acres. Two previous hearings have been recessed to be reopen at a future date. Subject parcel is located South of Marsing in a Residential Zone off Old Bruneau Highway and Hidden Valley Road in Section 23 & 26, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County.

7/18/07

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, regular school board meetings of the Marsing Jt. School Dist. #363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month, March through October meetings to begin at 8:00 pm, November through February meetings to begin at 7:00 pm,

Notice of Public Hearing FY2008 PROPOSED BUDGET Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (FY2008) CITY OF HOMEDALE			
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002 will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 (FY2008). A proposed budget hearing will be held at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming at 6:00pm on August 1, 2007. Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Homedale City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.			
Funds	FY 2006 2005-2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 2006-2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 2007-2008 PROPOSED Expenditures
01 General	\$472,217.00	\$529,947.00	\$547,546.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$131,972.00	\$144,581.00	\$162,171.00
03 Parks	\$78,515.00	\$94,949.00	\$86,765.00
04 Library	\$50,082.00	\$61,696.00	\$66,390.00
06 Law Enforcement	\$0.00	\$296,425.00	\$313,513.00
25 Water	\$267,245.00	\$2,610,390.00	\$2,301,985.00
26 Sewer	\$383,200.00	\$1,464,055.00	\$823,300.00
27 Sanitation	\$76,100.00	\$76,100.00	\$87,000.00
30 Airport	\$5,850.00	\$65,980.00	\$5,115.00
60 Irrigation	\$86,880.00	\$107,700.00	\$109,640.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (all funds)	\$1,552,061.00	\$5,451,823.00	\$4,503,425.00
Property Tax Levy	Revenue		
General Fund	\$209,000.00	\$215,270.00	\$252,300.00
Library	\$19,972.00	\$20,571.00	\$21,200.00
Park & Rec	\$11,983.00	\$12,345.00	\$14,500.00
Total Property Tax:	\$240,955.00	\$248,186.00	\$288,000.00
Revenue Other Sources			
01 General	\$263,217.00	\$314,677.00	\$295,246.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$131,972.00	\$144,581.00	\$162,171.00
03 Parks	\$66,532.00	\$82,604.00	\$72,265.00
04 Library	\$30,110.00	\$41,125.00	\$45,190.00
06 Law Enforcement	\$0.00	\$296,425.00	\$313,513.00
25 Water	\$267,245.00	\$2,610,390.00	\$2,301,985.00
26 Sewer	\$383,200.00	\$1,464,055.00	\$823,300.00
27 Sanitation	\$76,100.00	\$76,100.00	\$87,000.00
30 Airport	\$5,850.00	\$65,980.00	\$5,115.00
60 Irrigation	\$86,880.00	\$107,700.00	\$109,640.00
Total Other Sources	\$1,311,106.00	\$5,203,637.00	\$4,215,425.00
TOTAL REVENUE (all funds)	\$1,552,061.00	\$5,451,823.00	\$4,503,425.00
Homedale City Clerk-Treasurer Publish 7/18,25/07			

location is the district boardroom. Deb Holzhey, Clerk, Marsing Joint School District No.363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho
7/18/07

PUBLIC NOTICE
US Ecology Idaho, Inc. (USEI) is hereby providing notice of a recent Class 2 Permit Modification in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 270.42(b). The purpose of this modification request is to provide USEI’s Grand View facility with additional flexibility managing wastes containing low concentrations of Carbon-14 (¹⁴C), Iodine-129 (¹²⁹I), and Technetium-99 (⁹⁹Tc), referred to as “select isotopes”. With the concurrence of IDEQ, waste material that contain concentrations of the select isotopes may be increased on a case-by-case basis as long as the average concentration of the radionuclide(s) in the cell(s) does not exceed the concentration listed in Table 4 of USEI’s Waste Acceptance Criteria.
The required 60 day comment period shall begin on the date of publication of this notice in the Idaho Statesman. All comments

should be addressed to:
Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255 Attention: Mr. Pete Johansen
A Public Meeting shall be held regarding this Class 2 Modification request at Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School in Owyhee County at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2007.
Copies of the request for modification and supporting documentation are available for viewing and copying at the following locations:
State of Idaho, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho
US Ecology Idaho, Inc., 20400 Lemley Road, Grand View, Idaho
Eastern Owyhee County Library, Grand View, Idaho
The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) contact for request for permit modifications is Mr. Pete Johansen at (208) 373-0230. USEI’s compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the IDEQ contact person.
If you have any questions regarding this Permit Modification,

please feel free to contact the USEI’s contact person, Mr. Matt Alvarado at (208) 834-2275, or Mr. Pete Johansen with the Idaho Department Environmental Quality for further information at (208) 373-0230.
7/18/07

NOTICE
The Southwest District Board of Health will hold a **Board Meeting** on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Southwest District Health, Room 206, 920 Main Street, Caldwell, Idaho.
7/18/07

Have a news tip?

Call us!

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Public notices

INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICTS COMMISSIONERS invites bids for the following:
Sealcoating thirteen (13) miles at 21 feet wide in GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT. The DISTRICT will furnish sealcoating chips in stockpile. Bid should state cost per mile. Work to be completed by August 31, 2007.
Individual envelopes must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside showing the name of the bidder, date and time of the bid opening and the word SEALCOATING.
Bids will be received until 8:15 PM August 7, 2007 in the office of the Gem Highway District at 1016 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.
The right is reserved to reject all proposals or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the Gem Highway district and to waive any technicality.
If further information is needed, call RICK MEADE, Road Superintendent, Work Telephone 208-896-4581, Home Telephone 208-896-5122.
Dated this 18th day of July, 2007.
Virginia Belknap, Secretary
7/18,25/07

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 above-entitled 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, 2007.
William H Hurst, Clerk
By: J Heideman, Deputy Clerk
6/27;7/4,11,18/07

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO.: CV 2007-0204
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUGENE LYLE LEWIS, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required

to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 25 day of June, 2007.
/s/Martina Allen
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Murphy, Idaho 83650
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Attorney for Martina Allen, Personal Representative
7/4,11,18/07

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Notice of Trustee's Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: June 27, 2007 File No.: 7777.23752 Sale date and time (local time): October 29, 2007 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 104 1st Avenue West Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Edward L. Freeman and Jane E. Freeman, husband and wife Original trustee: Alliance Title Original beneficiary: Home123 Corporation Recording date: March 1, 2006 Recorder's instrument number: 255405 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of June 27, 2007: \$129,201.48 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 7 through 12, inclusive, in Block 11 of the revised Townsite of Butte, now the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the recorder, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7777.23752) 1002.73182-FEI
7/11,18,25;8/1/07

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Friday, October 26, 2007 at the hour of 11:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, on the steps of the **Owyhee County Courthouse** located at **20381 State Highway**

78, Murphy, ID,
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
A tract of land situated in the North Half of Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 00°18'37" West a distance of 267.37 feet, more or less, to a point on the Northeast right of way of Idaho Highway 78; thence South 73°32'00" East along said right of way a distance of 482.39 feet to a POINT OF CURVE at Station 522+96.10; thence following said right of way along a curve right having a radius of 2342.53 feet, a distance of 922.40 feet to a 5/8 inch steel pin from which the Northwest corner of Section 22 bears North 72°00'08" West a distance of 2725.17 feet, and the North Quarter corner of said Section 22 bears North 03°18'28" East a distance of 820.89 feet; thence continuing along the curve right of the Northern right of way of said Highway 78 a distance of 35.10 feet to a POINT OF TANGENT at Station 562+32.80; thence South 50°07'00" East along said right of way a distance of 96.44 feet to a 5/8 inch steel pin which is the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 36°06'43" East a distance of 150.91 feet, more or less, to a point on the Southern right of way of the Grandview Irrigation District Canal marked with a 5/8 inch steel pin; thence South 54°03'15" East along said canal right of way a distance of 83.53 feet to a 5/8 inch steel pin; thence following said right of way along a curve right having a radius of 268.31 feet to a distance of 133.23 feet to a 5/8 inch steel pin; thence South 39°53'00" West a distance of 132.77 feet, more or less, to the Northern right of way of Highway 78 marked with a 5/8 steel pin; thence North 50°07'00" West along said highway right of way a distance of 203.15 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.
THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 608 State Hwy 78, Grand View, ID 83624, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.
If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a

form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.
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 Camas J. Greenfield, a single man, as separate property, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Pioneer Federal Credit Union as Beneficiary, recorded November 26, 2003 as Instrument No. 246005, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:
Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$65,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of

5.59% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated November 19, 2003. Payments are in default for the months of April and May 2007 in the amount of \$535.00 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of May 31, 2007 is \$56,132.22 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 5.59% per annum. The per diem is \$8.54. In addition to the above, there is also due delinquent real property taxes for the first half of 2006, together with penalties and interest, and any other real property taxes that may become delinquent during this foreclosure; and any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.
The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$56,132.22, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.
Dated: June 27, 2007
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Phone: 947-1553
7/4,11,18,25/07



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Loan No: 0020955829 T.S.No.: 07-7843-ID 10/26/2007 at 11:00AM (recognized local time), At the main entrance to Pioneer Title Company 100 10th Avenue South Nampa, ID 83651. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee on behalf of Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Exhibit A Part of government Lot 3, Section 26, township 2 North Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Commencing at the Northwest corner of said government Lot 3 (West Quarter Corner), said Corner monumented with a 3 inch diameter aluminum cap monument; thence South 90° 00’ 00” East a distance of 345.00 feet along the Northerly boundary of said Government lot 3, to the point of Beginning, said point monumented with a ½ inch diameter Iron pin; thence continuing South 90° 00’ 00” East a distance of 15.00 feet along the Northerly boundary of said Government Lot 3, to the point of beginning, said point monumented with a ½ inch diameter Iron pin; thence South 00° 00’ 00” East a distance of 150.00 feet parallel with the Westerly boundary of said Government Lot 3 to a ½ inch diameter iron pin; thence

South 90° 00’ 00” East a distance of 166.83 feet to a point on the Westerly right of way of State Highway No. 78, said point monumented with a ½ inch diameter iron pin; thence 638.76 feet along the arc of a 5,829.58 foot radius tangent curve left, along the Westerly right of way of said State Highway No. 78, the long chord of which bears South 28°36’52” East a distance of 638.43 feet to a ½ inch diameter iron pin; thence North 89° 21’ 44” West a distance of 487.61 feet to a ½ inch diameter iron pin; thence North 00° 00’ 00” East a distance of 705.03 feet parallel with the Westerly boundary of said Government Lot 3 to the point of beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of compliance with section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 8083 State Highway 78 Marsing, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with the 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: Chessica Ryska, a single woman, As grantors, To: First American Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 2/27/2006, recorded 03/03/2006, as

Instrument No. 255434, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 2/27/2006. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,611.16 due per month from 3/1/2007 through 10/26/2007, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$173,179.64, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8.8% per annum from 2/1/2007 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. Dated: 6/26/2007 By: First American Title Insurance Company By Allnation Default Services, Its Duly Authorized Agent 4665 MacArthur Court Suite 250 Newport Beach, CA 92660 949-252-2800 Lisa Bradford Turstee Sale Officer, P302475
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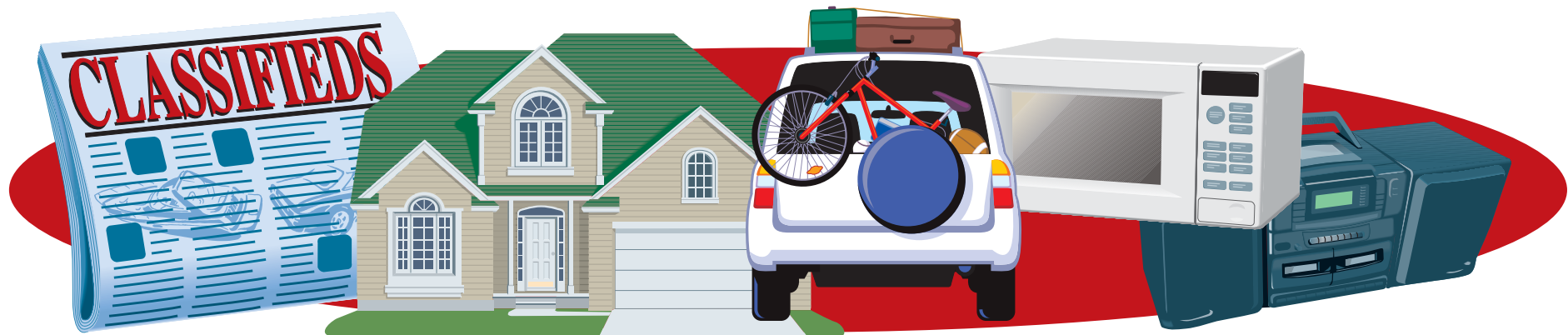


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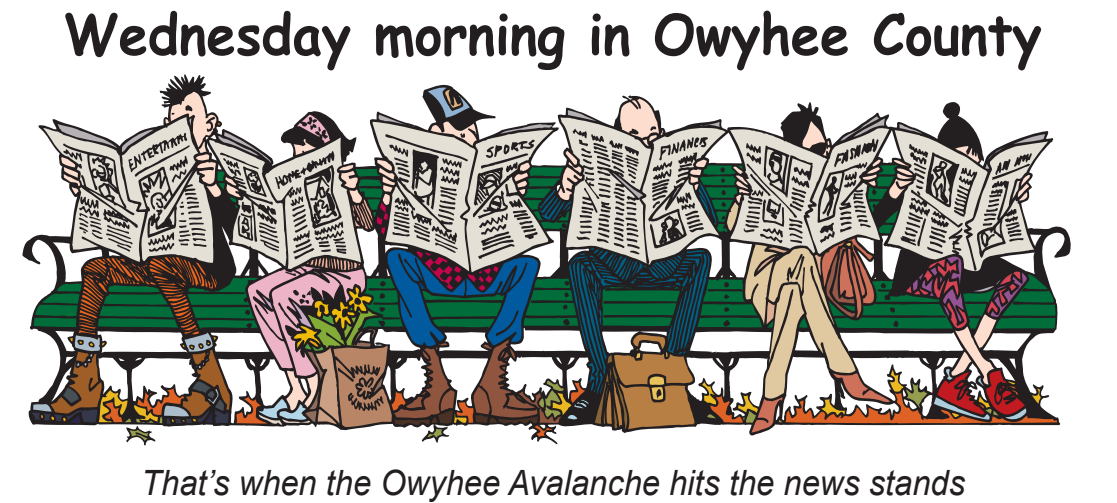
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\$4³⁹
ea.

Coca Cola Products



2 \$9
for

12pk 12oz Cans

2 Liter Bottle
Coke Products

\$1²⁹
ea.

Milwaukees Best Beer



\$11⁹⁹
ea.

30pk 12oz Cans

12pk 12oz Cans
MGD & Miller Lite Beer

\$8⁴⁹
ea.

Sunny Delight 64 oz. \$1³⁹ ea.	Wonder Classic Hot Dog & Hamburger Buns 8 ct. \$1⁰⁹ ea.	Powerade 32 oz. 79¢ ea.	Propel 23.7 oz. \$1⁰⁹ ea.
Western Family Biscuits 16 oz. \$1⁰⁹ ea.	Van Camp Pork N Beans 15 oz. 49¢ ea.	Western Family Apple Juice or Cider 64 oz. 2 \$3 for	Betty Crocker Suddenly Salad 7.25-7.75 oz. 2 \$3 for
Chips Ahoy Cookies 14-15 oz. \$2⁹⁹ ea.	Jello Gelatin 6 oz. 5 \$5 for	Western Family Sugar 10 lb. \$4⁷⁹ ea.	Banquet Frozen Dinners Asst'd 5 \$5 for
Doritos Tortilla Chips 13 oz. \$2⁴⁹ ea.	Solo Plates & Cups Asst'd 2 \$5 for	Hidden Valley Dressing 16 oz. \$2⁷⁹ ea.	Rhodes Rolls Asst'd \$3³⁹ ea.
Lay's Potato Chips 13.25-13.75 \$2¹⁹ ea.	KC Masterpiece BBQ Sauce 18 oz. \$1⁷⁹ ea.	Hunt's Ketchup 24 oz. \$1¹⁹ ea.	Western Family Ice Cream 5 qt. \$5⁹⁹ ea.
Cheetos & Fritos 9-11 oz. 2 \$4 for	Pop Secret Microwave Popcorn 6 ct. 2 \$6 for	Western Family Mustard 16 oz. 89¢ ea.	Nalley Dill Pickles 46 oz. 2 \$4 for

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