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OCA names first female director

County treasurer Richards involved
in ranching industry as committeewoman

For the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, the more things remain the same, the more they change.

The association named an eminently

qualified rancher to its board of directors, a rancher who believes strongly in the traditional values represented by the association. In

doing so, the OCA also named the first woman to the board in the 129 years that the association has conducted its summer convention.

Brenda Richards, who has operated a ranch on Reynolds Creek outside Murphy for 11 years with her husband Tony, a fourth-generation rancher, was

named to the board at the OCA summer meeting in Silver City on Saturday.

If you think the rationale behind the appointment based is political

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Brenda Richards

Mop-up, recovery begins

Ranchers urged
to inventory losses
from county fires

With the Murphy Complex Fire all but contained, fire officials began transitioning into mop-up, rehabilitation and recovery this week.

Monday morning, Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and U.S. Sens. Mike Crapo and Larry Craig made an aerial tour of part of the more than 1,000 square miles of land in Owyhee County and Nevada that was devastated by the fire.

Chuck Dickson from the joint information center reported Monday morning that the complex was 98 percent contained and that full containment was expected Tuesday. Earlier estimates didn't put containment until Saturday.

The suppression efforts of more than 1,100 firefighters were

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Hooray for grandma and grandpa



Matea, left, and Maialen Jaca clap after their grandparents, Elias and Inez Jaca, received the Life Member Award at the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting in Silver City on Saturday.

More photos from the OCA summer meeting
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Homedale Heart attack sidelines Fink

Mayor misses meeting, but seems otherwise undaunted

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink called in sick less than an hour before Thursday's city council meeting. Friday morning, he found that he had suffered a heart attack.

City clerk Alice Pegram said that Fink called Thursday to say he wasn't feeling well and would miss the meeting.

On Friday morning, the pain became unbearable and Fink went to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell where a doctor confirmed



Paul Fink

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Council pay raise OK'd

Members of the Homedale City Council on Thursday prepared for tonight's annual budget hearing by approving raises for council members and the mayor.

The unanimous action by the city's four council members means that the next people in their shoes will earn 18 percent more than they have during their

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Homedale plans hike in PD budget

Council’s annual budget hearing slated for tonight

The proposed budget for the City of Homedale has shrunk compared to last year’s actual expenditures, but city fathers are proposing to spend more on law enforcement.

The Homedale City Council holds the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 proposed budget at 6 p.m. on Aug. 1 at City Hall. Approval of the budget is scheduled during the council’s Aug. 8 regular meeting.

While a law enforcement spending increase of nearly \$40,000 has been proposed, the city also faces a huge jump in insurance costs. According to City Clerk Alice Pegram, the insurance representative for Homedale has said the municipality’s number of substantial claims has caused a 20 percent increase in premiums. She said that the rep said most cities are seeing a 15 percent hike.

Nearly half of the police department budget increase, about \$18,000, will be spread between an increased fuel budget, a modest salary increase and an 11 percent jump in benefits.

The purchase of another patrol car, slated at \$24,000, also has been budgeted. Earlier this year, the police department replaced one car that was totaled on New Year’s Eve, which pushed back by a year the plan to buy a new vehicle.

Police department salaries will rise a total of \$3,000 in FY2008, less than 2 percent. By contrast, during its Thursday meeting the city council approved 18 percent raises for the mayor (up to \$563.50 per month) and council members (up to \$281.75 per month). The increases work out to a monthly pay hike of \$100 for the mayor and \$50 for each of the four council members.

Meanwhile, the city anticipates

pulling in nearly \$40,000 more in property tax revenue over FY2007 figures, an increase of 16 percent. Between FY2006 and FY2007, the city saw only a 3 percent rise in tax revenue.

Even with the nearly 6 percent increase in law enforcement spending, the total budget will shrink by 17.4 percent from nearly \$5.5 million in FY2007 to a little more than \$4.5 million proposed for FY2008.

The biggest dip is a \$600,000 change in the sewer budget, which can be directly linked to the city’s improvement project. Money had to be built into the budget a year ago to reflect the anticipated U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant to fulfill the sewer bond residents approved in 2005. The FY2008 sewer budget is proposed to be more than \$800,000.

The water budget also will dip by more than \$300,000 to just above \$2.3 million.

Both the water and sewer funds also are deflated for next year because of a substantial drop in anticipated development. Both utilities collected \$132,000 in hookup fees during FY2007, but only \$40,000 in hookups are projected for FY2008.

Another big difference is in the airport fund. The city spent \$5,850 on the facility two years ago, and then the expenditures soared to \$65,980 last year. For FY2008, a budget of \$5,115 is proposed. The \$60,000 jump in FY2007 paid for the tiling of an irrigation ditch on the 7½-acre parcel adjacent to the airport.

Sanitation is slated to rise almost \$11,000 to \$87,000 after remaining steady at \$76,100 for two years. The city will see a \$20,000 increase in collection fees in the FY2008 budget.

The city also has budgeted more than \$6,200 to help the Homedale Public Library buy books. That’s an increase of nearly 75 percent over last year’s contribution.

— JPB

Owyhee County Fair 4-H horse, queen contest start events on Monday

The Owyhee County Fair begins its 2007 run at 8 a.m. on Monday with a flag salute in the rodeo arena as part of the 4-H horse show, and the fun continues until the last steps of the Country Dance at 1 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 12.

The rodeo arena is home to 4-H horse shows and events between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday. On Tuesday, the Parade of Horse Clubs, 4-H horse shows and events are in the arena from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., while the ranch horse project goes from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

In the Tumbleweed Theatre, Rodeo Queen contestants Jonnie Burns of Wilder, Dixie Kent of Marsing and Randi Turner of Ontario compete to assume 2006 Queen Dannielle Kidder’s crown with interviews and a style show beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday.

Fashion Revue practice is at 5

p.m. on Tuesday. Rabbit and Poultry showing begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, with evening entertainment sets starting at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Hypnotist Greg Hassakis performs at 9 p.m.

The Armory Exhibit Hall hosts open class judged entries (except for flowers, leafy vegetables and sugar beets) and 4-H projects, with check-in from noon



Jonnie Burns



Dixie Kent



Randi Turner

to 6 p.m. on Tuesday. The exhibit hall is closed until approximately 2 p.m. on Wednesday for interview evaluations and judging. Check-in for flowers, leafy vegetables and sugar beets is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Shows in the livestock barn get under way on Wednesday with goats at 1:30 p.m., llamas at 2 p.m. and the dairy show at 3:30 p.m.

The Buckaroo Breakfast starts feeding the masses at 7 a.m. on Tuesday at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center. The breakfast goes until 10 a.m. and costs \$5 per person.

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Buckaroo Breakfast series begins Tuesday

Raffle also planned during next week’s run

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center’s Buckaroo Breakfast has been filling bellies for a good cause at fair time since 1989. It was called the Cowboy Clem Breakfast the first time around, and the current name was adopted in 1990.

This year, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day from Tuesday through Aug. 11, tables set up in the senior center parking lot will be chock full of pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice and milk, and the people preparing, serving and consuming the fare.

The senior center will raffle off several items in conjunction with the fund-raising breakfast.

Cost for the all-you-can-eat Buckaroo Breakfast is \$5. Tickets for the quilt raffle are \$1 or six tickets for \$5. Tickets for all of the other raffles are 50 cents each.

Proceeds from the breakfast and raffles go to the Senior Center’s general operating fund. The net proceeds in 2005 amounted to \$4,437.35 while the net last year was \$3,218.62.

There are numerous items for the raffle, the drawing for which will take place at the end of the final breakfast Aug. 11.


Romona Andrus has made and donated a quilt for the fifth consecutive year. Lorraine Hunt donated a stained-glass horse’s head she made by hand. Campbell Tractor donated a John Deere collectible belt buckle.

Two gift baskets are up for raffle. The first basket, donated by Cowboy Up Saloon, is actually

a corded wooden box containing a bottle of Crane Lake white zinfandel wine, a hardbound notebook, a picture frame, a large scented candle, a flower bouquet decorative candle and a bag of potpourri.

The second basket, filled with items donated by seniors, is made of straw and contains Hershey’s kisses, a can of Coke in an insulated cozy, a wallet with \$2 seed money, a men’s travel grooming kit, a trimmer, a callous reducer, a calculator, a belt, an LCD clock, a letter opener, aftershave, a baseball cap with the caption, “This is my hat. Everything else belongs to her,” and gift certificates for Subway, Golden Corral and Dan’s Big O Tire in Nampa.

For more information, contact the Homedale Senior Citizens Center at (208) 337-3020.



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PA: Case weakened by lack of credibility

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks said Friday that the eroding credibility of a lone witness forced him to make a deal with a Homedale man who had been indicted on several felonies.

Salvador Serrano-Garcia entered a guilty plea to a misdemeanor charge of false imprisonment during a July 13 pre-trial hearing in Murphy before District Judge James C. Morfitt. Serrano-Garcia had been scheduled to go to trial on July 24, facing felony charges of rape, kidnapping, aggravated assault and penetration by a foreign object as well as misdemeanor battery.

Faulks dismissed all but one of the charges, and the 46-year-old Serrano-Garcia pleaded guilty to a charge of misdemeanor false imprisonment, which was amended from the aggravated assault charge.

"This office, as with any prosecuting attorney, has an obligation to seek truth over any other objective in criminal prosecutions," Faulks wrote in an e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche.

"In this instance, I reached a point where I no longer had confidence in a large portion of the testimony and statements given by the victim."

Faulks said the 22-year-old woman who claimed Serrano-Garcia had committed the crimes against her in January had credibility issues because she has a federal felony conviction and is on probation from Washington state because of that offense.

Faulks also said that on June 25 Serrano-Garcia's attorney gave the prosecutor's office correspondence between the alleged victim and Serrano-Garcia that contradicted the

woman's original portrayal of her relationship with the accused.

"Most of these letters from the victim were written in the year prior to the incident that gave rise to the charges," Faulks wrote. "Statements in those letters directly contradicted prior statements from the victim that her relationship with Mr. Serrano had been only a platonic relationship."

Faulks left the door open for criminal action against the 22-year-old, whom he didn't identify.

"I have not ruled out the possibility of perjury charges regarding the reporting victim," he wrote.

The alleged victim had reported to staff at a Boise hospital that Serrano-Garcia held her at gunpoint against her will for four days in a Homedale residence in January.

On Feb. 22, a county grand jury originally indicted 46-year-old Serrano-Garcia on felony charges.

After entering his guilty plea, Serrano-Garcia was sentenced to a year in jail with 200 days suspended. He received credit for the 165 days he had been incarcerated since his arrest.

He also was placed on two years' probation and ordered to pay nearly \$2,000 in fines and court costs, with \$300 of that suspended.

"There was sufficient evidence of wrongdoing to support a level of conviction for Mr. Garcia," Faulks said of the misdemeanor charge to which Serrano-Garcia pleaded guilty.

Serrano-Garcia had been held in Owyhee County Jail on a \$250,000 bond since his Jan. 30 arrest by Homedale Police.

—JPB

Scores turn out for hearing

The democratic process was on full display Wednesday during a county planning and zoning public hearing, and at least one commissioner was glad to see it.

"Most of the time when we hear cases, we have to decide (the issue) on very little information, and it was refreshing to see a lot of people involved in this process because it helps us make better decisions," P&Z commissioner Joe Weatherby said.

There wasn't a lack of participation during a daylong public hearing regarding Marsing-area DeRuyter Dairy's application for a conditional use permit to expand its operation.

About 100 people showed up for the meeting, which was held inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center instead of the usual county courthouse in Murphy. The meeting stretched on for 11 hours, ending at 11 p.m., according to county planning and zoning coordinator Mary Huff.

Dairy owner Nick DeRuyter is seeking to expand his operation from 9,600 cows to 14,400. During the petition presentation, DeRuyter attorney Scott Campbell made clear that his client intended to follow a strategy to reduce the presence of flies and knock down the odors associated with confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

Campbell asserted that DeRuyter wasn't required by state law to apply for a CUP, but was doing it anyway. The attorney also said that the argument he outlined in a lengthy presentation Wednesday was done to create a record in case an appeal was



Big crowd for P&Z meeting

About 100 people showed up for last week's public hearing on the DeRuyter Dairy conditional use permit application.

necessary.

The hearing began with Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment (ICARE) representative Shavone Hasse lodging a pre-trial motion to dismiss the proceedings because of what she called misconduct on the part of the P&Z department. Hasse accused Huff of allowing evidence after the deadline for submissions as well as hindering her organization's ability to obtain public records.

Huff said that her office was within its right of three business days to gather public records information when ICARE executive director Alma Hasse requested information two days before the hearing.

Huff also said that hearing officer Fred Grant said he would rule on the admissibility of any evidence submitted after the deadline, which is seven days before the date of the hearing.

Six hours of public testimony commenced when the DeRuyter representatives rested their presentation at around 5 p.m.

Huff said a transcript of the proceedings will be sent by certified mail to the principals, at which time the public will have 28 days to submit comments and rebuttals.

If the P&Z commission — which includes chair Connie Brandau, Weatherby, Clay Atkins and John Urquidi — rules in favor of DeRuyter, the CUP application will be sent to the board of commissioners with a favorable recommendation.

Weatherby said the abundance of testimony last week was good to see.

"People need to get involved in this county on every issue," he said. "(Apathy) is probably, from my perspective, the biggest issue this county has."

"It is much easier for us to make a decision when we know how the people feel, otherwise we have to guess at it."

Planning and zoning commissioner Dan Landa, who also is in agriculture, recused himself from the proceedings.

—JPB

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New owner opens Homedale salon

The Hair Depot, located at 102 E. Wyoming Ave., in Homedale, is now open under new ownership.

New owner Helene Hannus, a Nampa resident, said the salon will hold a grand opening on Aug. 18 with a barbecue, Dutch oven cooking, an Astrojump for children, product demonstrations, merchandise specials and gift certificate giveaways.

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Hannus bought the salon on July 13 from Nampa resident Christy Devinaspre.

Parade nearly nixed by barn project

Business owner steps forward to salvage downtown event

An unusual set of circumstances nearly spelled an end to the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade, at least for 2007, and may result in this year's parade going off without a grand marshal.

The fair board, operating with new personnel, faced with the simultaneous issues of potential expansion of the fair's livestock barn and going without the services of longtime parade coordinator Mary Tibbett, seriously considered not having a parade this year. New fair secretary Kelly Haun said the logjam of concerns initially forced the all-volunteer board of directors to postpone planning of the parade.

The barn expansion project was tabled because of financing issues, but by then parade planning was substantially behind schedule, and there was still no coordinator.

"Mary Tibbett was very good at handling everything involved with the parade," Haun said. "The board was very uninvolved other than the financial support for ribbons and prizes. It was difficult to find a new coordinator, and with the expansion of the livestock barn, the board was going to have to be careful and try to save money."

"So it became a postponement situation where the board was going to postpone having a parade until next year. It was not an issue of priority; it was an issue of financing and finding a new coordinator."

Rafter 4 Feed Store owner Laura Anderson had been asked to coordinate the parade and initially turned the board down. After hearing that the board had mulled cancellation of this year's parade, however, Anderson stepped forward to take on coordination duties.

"I think it's important for the community to have the parade," Anderson said. "It would be a shame not to have it as part of the fair week activities."

Still, the fair board has not named a grand marshal this year and has no plans to do so.

Haun said that the grand marshal naming was not pursued because of the shortened timeframe and the logistical issues with which the board has contended while attempting to line up space for 4-H and FFA participants, whose numbers have exploded in recent years.

Anderson said that she is looking into picking a grand marshal as part of her coordinator duties, but no selection has been made.

Anderson said that she would like to see future parade entrants pre-register in order to aid coordination of the event.

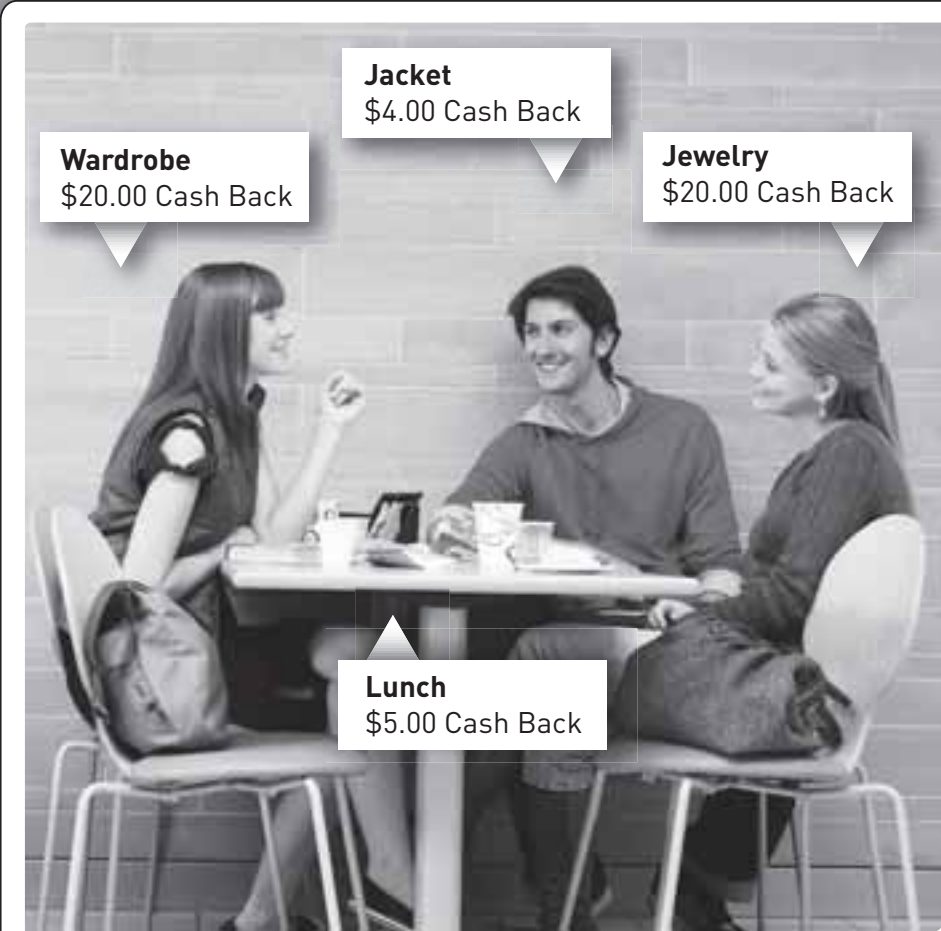
Moving the start time from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. is another change Anderson would like to see in future years. The earlier start time would allow for more 4-H club participation because conflict between the timing of the parade and the start of the large animal round robin competition in the Livestock Arena would be reduced.

Some changes to be implemented this year include eliminating separate male and female categories within prize classifications and judging entrants along the route instead of before the start of the parade.

This year, the parade theme is "Fun! — any way you stack it!" and the colors are green and white. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. at Riverside Park and the high school football field with judging at 9 a.m. The parade begins at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Anderson at (208) 761-1852 or (208) 337-5813.

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Correction

On Page 16B of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting special edition that appeared in the July 25 issue of The Owyhee Avalanche, Bill Lowry was identified as a past president of the OCA. Lowry never has served as president, but was made an honorary life member in 1995.

Clarification

A photo on Page 14 of the July 25 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly stated the location of a camp photo provided by Owyhee County Sheriff's Backcountry Deputy George Reed. The photo was taken at a camp used as a staging area for the fires around Silver City.

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✓ **Council:** Homedale writes \$216,000 check to sewer project contractor

terms. The salaries of elected officials are examined before each election year.

Mayor Paul Fink, one of three officials whose terms expire at the end of the year, wasn't present at Thursday's meeting. It was learned Friday that he had suffered a heart attack less than an hour before the 6 p.m. meeting.

Fink and councilmen Steve Schultz and Bill Page are in the final year of their terms. Prospective candidates can pick up declaration forms at City Hall beginning Aug. 27.

Whoever is in the mayor's job come January will enjoy an 18 percent pay increase. Thursday's passage of Ordinance 374 bumped the salary of the town's chief executive \$100 per month to \$563.50 monthly.

Council members will enjoy

a \$50-per-month raise and earn \$281.75 monthly.

"I believe that is a conservative figure for the members of the administration for the hours they put in for this city," Schultz said.

Councilman Dave Downum presided over the meeting in Fink's absence.

In other city business, the council approved payment of nearly \$216,000 to Eastern Oregon Construction for the first part of the municipal sewer upgrade. Public works supervisor Larry Bauer said the latest bill replaces the payment approved by the council at a recent meeting. He added there had been a change in the project because an additional 20 feet of jack and bore had to be done near U.S. Highway 95.

Even with the unexpected extra work, Bauer said the sewer project

was "going extremely well," and that EOC crews were beginning work on the lift station at the end of East Owyhee Avenue.

Bauer also said that more striping of the streets will be completed next week in the wake of the resurfacing of Idaho Avenue.

He further reported that cleanup work on the dredging job at the Homedale boat dock was interrupted Thursday afternoon by a water line break elsewhere in the city. Bauer said the water pipe that burst is part of the system slated to be replaced through the project funded by a water bond passed by voters in 2005.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller commended the members of his department on their appearance during the funeral of longtime Homedale officer Jack Dickey

last week.

"The police officers did an exceptional job for the time that they were given to do it," Eidemiller told the council. "They looked good. It was way above and beyond the call of duty, and they answered it."

"I'm very proud of them."

The council gave a Homedale business owner until Sept. 17 to come up with a construction plan for a piece of land he leases from the city, or he could risk losing the property.

John Rogers, who owns the airplane painting and maintenance business Aero Color at the Homedale Airport, visited last week's council meeting for the routine five-year review of a 20-year lease with the city.

"I need that land for my business," Rogers told the council.

He leases two adjacent lots on airport property.

Schultz stressed how valuable the airport land was and asked if Rogers had any plans to build on the parcel he was leasing. Rogers said he did have plans to expand his business on to the land.

"When we lease property, we'd like to have something developed in 12 months," Schultz said.

The council agreed that Rogers must submit a construction plan, drawing or concept by Sept. 17 or risk defaulting on his lease.

The council also held an executive session near the end of its meeting. Schultz requested an amendment to the agenda for the session, but didn't state the reason for the meeting. It was later learned that the council discussed personnel matters.

— JPB

✓ **Recovery:** Western fires have depleted BLM sagebrush seed stockpile

helped early in the weekend by rainfall and higher humidity.

Bill Watt, joint information center manager, said from his Twin Falls location Monday morning that the northern portion of the fire — or Castleford Zone — was 95 percent contained and management was expected to be transferred to a Type II team by 7 a.m. Tuesday.

The fire's Wild Horse Zone, or the southern portion, was handed over to the Bureau of Land Management's Elko District Office early Monday night. The Tongue Complex fire 40 miles south of Silver City was reported contained Saturday. It had burned since July 6 and consumed 46,000 acres.

Watt said that the fire management teams battling the Murphy complex — the nation's largest wildfire — had the rangeland and livestock in mind during their efforts.

"We have really made an effort to be sensitive to the situation that the ranchers are in," Watt said.

At Saturday's Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting in Silver City, Owyhee County Board of Commissioners chair Dick Freund implored ranchers to tally their losses so a dollar amount could be submitted to the federal Department of

Homeland Security as part of the county's emergency declaration.

The joint information center placed the cost of the fire at \$8.3 million as of Monday morning.

Freund asked for estimates of livestock, feed, outbuildings, equipment and fence losses from cattlemen affected by the Murphy Complex and the Tongue Complex and Boulder Creek Fire near Silver City.

He also said Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee director Jim Desmond was scheduled to be out in the field surveying damage and losses beginning Monday.

"Get with Jim and let him know what losses you've had so we can come up with a detailed analysis of the financial losses," Freund said.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said any federal money for relief would be paid to the county, which would distribute the funds to affected ranchers.

Ranchers have an eye on future activity as the summer drags on. Freund told Bruneau-area cattleman Eric Davis that the funding would cover only the damage from the recent fires and that any future fire activity could be covered by subsequent declarations.

All attending the Cattlemen's

meeting seemed resigned that more blazes would come this season.

"I'm sure we're going to have more fires with the fuel out there and temperatures out there," Freund said.

Davis also questioned the prudence of future BLM grazing restrictions and their impact on the abundance of fuels for more lightning-caused fires.

Freund said the county's memorandum of understanding gives the commissioners some latitude in its dealings with the BLM and that the board will look into securing permission to move cattle to areas with heavy fuel loads to reduce the risk of further devastation.

Earlier in the week, the state's congressional delegation drafted letters to Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns urging flexibility in helping restore forage lands for ranchers in the wake of several fires in Idaho.

Much like Freund suggested Saturday, the delegation asked for emergency permit waivers and to open temporarily areas not available to grazing.

The OCA passed a resolution Saturday pledging support and assistance to the county government and state and federal

agencies in their rehabilitation and management of the burned areas as well as disaster relief to those affected by wildfire.

State representatives of the BLM also were on hand at Saturday's OCA meeting to update ranchers on the fires and emergency stabilization and rehabilitation (ES&R) efforts. Because of the large number of wildfires throughout the West, sagebrush seed is at a premium this year, according to BLM associate state director Peter Ditton.

The Boise District office has about 1 million pounds of sagebrush seed in storage, but officials pointed out that the seed on hand was for rehabilitation throughout the Great Basin, including Oregon and Utah, other states also touched by large fires. And much of the seed already has been dedicated to the earlier fires.

"The Utah fire burned through some of our best sagebrush seed-gathering areas," Ditton said.

Ditton said that the vastness of the burn in the Murphy Complex will force the BLM to rely on natural recovery. In most cases, the largest reseeding project undertaken by BLM has topped out at 60,000 acres.

"We won't be able to do a traditional rehabilitation in the

Murphy area because of the size," Ditton said.

Ditton also said that the agency hopes to get independent scientific studies on the effects of limited seeding in an attempt to justify smaller rehabilitation zones against possible legal attacks from environmentalists.

Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise announced last week that its Catholic Charities of Idaho organization would send \$1,000 in emergency funding to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes on the Duck Valley Reservation to help relief efforts in that area. Many areas — including the reservation and small communities in the fire zone — were without power for several days.

The Raft River Electric Co., expected to restore power sometime Monday.

As of Monday, Stage II fire restrictions remained in effect in the fire area as well as all across Owyhee County. Those restrictions prohibited manmade fires of any kind, smoking unless inside a vehicle or designated areas and operation of motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails. The use of any wood-harvesting equipment powered by internal combustion engines also was prohibited.

— JPB

✓ **Fink:** Mayor apparently gets back to his active schedule

that he had a heart attack the night before.

Pegram said that Fink told her Friday afternoon that his doctor detected some tissue damage in the heart, but that an angiogram procedure revealed no blockage,

plaque buildup or excessive cholesterol.

"Paul called the office, and he was doing really good and they said he could come home probably this afternoon," Pegram said Friday.

Pegram said Monday morning that Fink played a round of golf Saturday and was planning to go boating later Monday. Fink could not be reached for comment.

The 69-year-old Fink is in the final year of his fifth mayoral

term. It's unclear if he will be able to attend tonight's public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

Councilman Dave Downum conducted Thursday's city council meeting in Fink's absence.

— JPB

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Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

Three Creek Charly, as the Bureau of Land Management men called Charly Leisen, decided to try holy matrimony again. He and Sheila Holbrook of Hazelton were married at the Shoestring Ranch south of Jackpot, Nev., on July 4, 2007. Coming from California for the wedding were Charly’s Belguim friend, Rene Dukaerta, and his wife, Debbie. They picked up Nathan and Carol Ann Leisen, Charly’s kids who are working at Mammoth Lakes, Calif., this summer and brought them for the wedding. Others attending were Kevin and Nancy Chapin of Diamond A Ranch, Mearl and Emma Row from Filer and the Joe Elsner family. The couple will live at Hazelton. Rev. Bo Lowe tied the knot.

On Saturday July 14, 2007 Rev. Bo Lowe married Dolphy Callen

and Erin Scott at the BBQ ranch on Brown’s Bench. Erin is the daughter of Tom and Cindy Scott of Buhl and Dolphy the son of Lyn and Shelley Callen of Hollister. Dolphy has a gravel business near Hollister.

J.R. Robinson attended the memorial services of his uncle, Gene Robinson, on Saturday, July 7, 2007 at the Sharp Ranch in Ruby Valley, Nev. Gene, 81 years old, passed away on July 1, 2007 in his home in West Richland, Wash. He requested a memorial in Nevada because he spent many of his early years around Elko and Beowawe, Nev. His eulogy was given by old-time friend, Doyle Littledyke.

The highlight of my life was when my pen pal of about 20 years and her family came to see me lately. They were Linda and Tony Anderson and their grandson Seth

Rice, who is 7 years old. They live in Asheville, N.C. We met through the Southern Baptist ministers who came to Three Creek. We went to Rogerson and visited Dave and Debra Grindstaff and family, then out to Three Creek to see how the old rock store has been remodeled into a church and to my ranch. After that we went to Jackpot, Nev., and visited the Grindstaffs there. We saw Balance Rock on the way home. They were wonderful people and grandson Seth about the cutest smartest kid I ever saw.

My fun excursion in June was going with Phil and Wilma Homan and Helen Marshal to the old Conway ranch at Dietrich and then beyond Carey to the Flat Top Sheep Ranch. I wanted to see the ranch after reading Dianne Peavey’s book “Bitter Brush Country.”

Obituary

James A. Hance

James A. Hance, 70 of Marsing, died Saturday July 21, 2007, at home with his family.

James was born February 4, 1937 at Hayward, CA, a son of Luther and Anna Peters Hance. He has lived in California and Idaho and worked for the City of Marsing. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife LaFon and four children, Sam and Diana Hance, Jesse and Donna Hance, Veronica and Keith Wheeler and Johnny Hance, 17 grandkids, 29 great grandkids and numerous nieces and nephews, also a sister Mary in CA; three brothers, Marvin of Nampa;



Richard and Leo of CA; He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Jerry Hance, 2 sisters, Helen and Darlene, 2 brothers, Bill and Gene.

Adamson reunion set for Homedale

The Adamson family will hold its first reunion in 15 years from Aug. 10 to Aug. 12 at the boat dock in Homedale.

For more information, call (208) 366-2052.

Shoo-Fly 4-H news

by Victoria Nash, club reporter

The Shoo-Fly 4-H Club held its annual summer barbecue at Barney & Melanie Harper’s home Thursday.

Members and their families enjoyed a potluck and barbecue, as well as visiting and swimming.

The club also held its annual Round Robin on July 21 at the fairgrounds. Members got to practice showing all animals that

are in a Large Animal Round Robin. It was good experience and a lot of fun for everyone.

The club is now busy getting ready for fair. Members are working on marketing their animals to businesses and community members and promoting the Junior Livestock Sale, which will be held Aug. 11 during the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale.

Marsing High all-class picnic set for Sunday

The annual all-classes Marsing High School reunion picnic will be held Sunday.

Members from all graduating classes are invited to the potluck, which will begin at 1 p.m. at Marsing City Park.

Senior menus

Homedale center

- Aug. 1: Chicken patty/bun w/lettuce & tomato, pickled beets, drink.
- Aug. 2: Baked fish & macaroni & carrots, roll, drink.
- Aug. 7-9: Closed for the Buckaroo Breakfast! Breakfast served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Marsing center

- Aug. 1: Breakfast to order. Lunch: Sloppy Joes, carrots, pea salad, soup, dessert, drink.
- Aug. 2: Swiss steak, green beans, potatoes, carrot salad, soup, dessert, drink.
- Aug. 6: Breakfast to order.
- Aug. 7: Liver & onions or chicken & homemade noodles, beets, coleslaw, soup, dessert, drink.
- Aug. 8: Breakfast to order. Lunch: Taco salad, corn, rice, beans, soup, dessert, drink.

Wedding

Martinez, Bahem wed in Homedale ceremony

Michael Martinez and Amanda Bahem were married on June 16, 2007, in Homedale, in their grandparents’ yard.

Bridal attendants were Alisha Marks, Alysha Bahem and Carmen Peninger.

Phillip Stewart, Jeremy Peninger, Ben Potter, Zib McGuire and Brycen Atkins attended the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Dave Bahem of Homedale and Christy Devinaspren of Nampa. She is currently attending a college of beauty to be licensed for cosmetology.

The groom is the son of Jusan Hughes of Challis. He is currently serving in the military as a U.S. Marine.



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Your finances

Knowledge is key to quelling investing fears

Dear Dave,

We have no debt other than our house, so we're doing pretty well financially. My husband's income covers all the bills, and mine is just extra money every month. I'd like to begin investing my income in mutual funds, but the idea frightens him a little. How can I convince him?

— April

Dear April,

There are two kinds of scared. One is when you're afraid something can really hurt you, and the other is fear that comes when you don't understand something. The second is the kind of fear lots of people have when it comes to investing.

Knowledge alleviates fear, April. So here's the knowledge he needs. Ninety-seven percent of the five-year periods in the entire market history — including Pearl Harbor, the Great Depression and 9/11 — made money. Want more? One hundred percent of the 10-year periods have made money.

Investing is a lot like buying a house. As a rule, homes don't go down in value over the long-term. The market may fluctuate, but in the end you're probably going to be OK. The stock market really isn't a risky investment, either, as long as you put the money in there and leave it alone for a long time!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm 50, single and feel it's time to start making some wise investments for my future. I'm debt free, and lately I've been doing some research on index funds. Can you explain them, and do you have any advice?

— Theresa

Dear Theresa,

An index fund invests in securities to mirror a market index, such as the S&P 500. They buy and sell securities in a way that mirrors the composition of the selected index. So, you invest in an S&P 500 index fund your returns will probably follow the rise and fall of the S&P 500.

I own a few index funds, and



they're a conservative way to invest. But you're only 50 and have plenty of time, so I'd suggest maxing out a Roth IRA as part of your long-term plan. Put a fourth of your contribution into four different kinds of mutual funds: growth, growth and income, aggressive growth, and international.

Make sure these mutual funds have a solid track record of at least five years, and the rest is easy. You can even have the contribution automatically deducted from your checking account each month!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are debt-free except for our house. Should we start saving to invest in a small business idea before the home is paid off like you did?

— Jenny

Dear Jenny,

That's not exactly how I did things, but sure you can. I don't have a problem with that at all. When I started my business I started from nothing, so I didn't have to save up for anything and it's always paid its own way.

You're about to have some real fun being an entrepreneur, Jenny. Go ahead and put aside \$2,000 or so, then tear into the house payments and get that mortgage knocked out.

Good luck!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

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Calendar

Today

Homedale annual city budget public hearing, 6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641

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

Melba Cottage Library book club meeting, 7 p.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive, Melba. (208) 495-1063

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

Monday

Owyhee County Fair, flag salute, 4-H horse show, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., rodeo queen style show and interviews, 7 p.m., Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo grounds, Homedale

Tuesday

Buckaroo Breakfast and raffle, \$5 to eat, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee County Fair, 4-H horse show, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., open class contest check-in, noon to 6 p.m., Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo grounds, Homedale

Melba Library District election, 8 a.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey Street, Murphy

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

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

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

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

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale

Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday

Buckaroo Breakfast and raffle, \$5 to eat, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee County Fair, gates open at 8 a.m., Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo grounds, Homedale

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

Marsing City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122

Grand View City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting, 7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

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

Owyhee County Rodeo, 8 p.m., Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo grounds, Homedale

Thursday, Aug. 9

Buckaroo Breakfast and raffle, \$5 to eat, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee County Fair, gates open at 8 a.m., Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo grounds, Homedale

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

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Owyhee County Rodeo, 8 p.m., Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo grounds, Homedale

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

Friday, Aug. 10

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Bruneau/GV district mobilizes for bond vote

Officials correct bad tax totals in pamphlet, map out schools’ needs

Bruneau/Grand View School District officials have shed more light on the specific needs that a proposed general obligation bond will address.

Patrons of the school district, which serves both Owyhee and Elmore counties, will go to the polls Aug. 28 to decide the fate of the proposal, which is valued at just under \$5 million.

If passed, the \$4,965,500 bond will replace a \$2.5 million plant facilities levy that was retired Tuesday. That bond, passed in 1992, focused on improvements to Grand View and Bruneau elementary schools.

The district mailed pamphlets to district patrons on July 20, but the breakdown of how the new bond would affect property tax bills for residential and commercial property owners was incorrect, officials revealed last week.

School district superintendent Vickie Chandler explained that bond organizers worked with

several different formulas in an attempt to create minimal impact on tax bills.

When the pamphlets were printed, numbers from an earlier calculation were placed in the “tax impact” estimate columns for annual and monthly cost for the primary homeowner property table, officials said.

The agricultural property and commercial property tables are correct, Chandler and district clerk Cathy Sellmann said.

The primary homeowner table should reflect that the owner of a home with an assessed, pre-exemption value of \$200,000 will see an increase of \$93.33 per year or \$7.78 per month. The owner of a \$100,000 home will see an increase of \$42.17 annually and \$3.51 monthly. The rate for a \$50,000 home will be \$21.09 annually and \$1.76 monthly.

Owners of commercial property valued at \$100,000 will see an increase of \$84.35 annually and

\$7.03 monthly.

Depending on the type of agricultural land, Owyhee County farmers will see an annual increase from 1 cent per acre to 46 cents per acre. In Elmore County, the agricultural increase could be from nothing to 20 cents per acre.

“We’ve been told that these numbers are very conservative estimates,” Chandler said. “The estimates are higher than what they (actual tax bills) may really be.”

Officials explained that increased property assessments and the elimination of the state school maintenance and operation levy from property taxes also helped keep the estimated impact of the proposed bond low.

The bond was calculated using 2006 property assessment figures, and the county since has done assessments for the 2007 tax year.

“If (patrons) pass the new bond, they’ll still be paying way less than they were before,” Chandler said.

A series of public meetings will kick off next Wednesday with a 7 p.m. gathering at the Grand View

Senior Citizens Center for patrons in the Chattin Flats precinct in Elmore County.

Other 7 p.m. meetings are planned for Aug. 14 at Rimrock, Aug. 16 at Grand View Elementary, Aug. 21 at Oreana Community Hall and Aug. 22 at Bruneau Elementary.

A noon public meeting has been scheduled for Aug. 16 at the Grand View Senior Citizens Center.

Officials said that property owners will be able to calculate the impact of the bond on their personal tax bill at each meeting.

Bruneau/Grand View also invites patrons to visit the district office to get a property tax calculation.

Seventy percent of the revenue from the new bond — or nearly \$3.5 million — will be poured into Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, according to a pamphlet mailed to district patrons on July 20.

“Rimrock is 31 years old, and the only thing that has been done to it is new carpet,” district superintendent Vickie Chandler said.

That new carpet was put down at Rimrock within the past 10 years, she said.

By comparison, only about \$1.5 million will be spent on the two elementary schools, both of which were built in 1958.

The highlights of the Rimrock needs, as identified by a committee of patrons and school trustees, include an upgraded water system to meeting federal regulations, remodeled bathrooms, new heating, cooling and lighting systems, a new roof, paving and security upgrades.

The repairs at the elementary schools almost are identical, including security upgrades, new roofs and flooring, new ceiling panels and inspection of the buildings’ engineered beams.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 28. Polling places include the George Bennett residence for Elmore voters (located on Bennett Road), the two elementary schools (Bruneau at 28541 Benham Ave.; Grand View at 205 First St.) and Oreana Community Hall.

— JPB

Melba library issue goes to polls

Voters in parts of three counties go to the polls Tuesday with the fate of a new library district in the balance.

Residents in Owyhee, Canyon and Ada counties will vote on whether to establish the Melba Cottage Public Library District.

The Owyhee County polling place is the Owyhee County Historical Museum at 17085 Basey Street in Murphy. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The boundaries of the proposed district will mirror those of the Melba School District, and only registered voters living within that boundary can vote Tuesday.

To be eligible, a person must

have lived in the boundaries of the district for the past 30 days.

The Melba Cottage Library, which is located at 109 Charlotte Drive in Melba, has been operating with a volunteer staff. Earlier this year, supporters gathered enough signatures to put the issue of creating a taxing district on the ballot.

Top judge tied to Owyhee



Eismann sworn in as chief justice
Former Owyhee County magistrate judge Daniel T. Eismann, right, poses with his wife and Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter after the governor administered the oath making Eismann the new chief justice of the Idaho Supreme Court on July 24. Submitted photo

City budgets

Marsing gears up for hearing

The Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing on its Fiscal Year 2008 proposed budget next Wednesday.

The hearing, which coincides with the council’s regular monthly meeting, takes place at 7 p.m. inside City Hall.

The city is proposing a 3.5 percent increase in spending over FY2007 actual figures, including more than \$60,000 in general fund expenditures and an increase of nearly \$18,000 in the irrigation fund.

The sanitation budget is proposed to jump \$20,000 to \$85,000.

The sewer budget will balloon nearly \$100,000 to \$515,500.

Pay raises for the mayor and city council also have been built into the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

GV council meets next week

The Fiscal Year 2008 budgets for the City of Grand View and its Streets and Roads Department are expected to increase just over \$1,500 compared to 2007 expenditures.

The Grand View City Council will hold the public hearing for the FY2008 proposed budget at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

It will be the first meeting by the city council since June.

July’s monthly meeting was canceled because of a lack of a quorum.

The total proposed budget for both the city and Streets and Roads Department is \$71,146.

The bulk of the \$1,557 increase in the Grand View budget will come in the city books.

The town has added \$1,000 to its administration fund, \$100 to the capital outlay fund and \$113 to the insurance fund.

In the Streets and Roads budget, the total increase is proposed for only \$344 — from \$35,256 in FY2007 to \$35,600 for next year.

Irrigation boards meet Tuesday

The region’s irrigation boards of directors will hold their regular monthly meetings Tuesday night at the South Board of Control office at 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District directors meet at 7 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation District board meets at 7:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control directors meet at 7:30 p.m.

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BLM rounds up Owyhee's wild horses



Band of 29 mustangs gathered west of Murphy

Above: A line of wild horses follows a ridgeline south of the draw where they were captured. *Below:* A helicopter pursues a group of mustangs that bolted at the entrance to the trap. The trap's west wing is visible upper right.

Mustang gather conserves grazing land

The introductions in front of the hardware store in Marsing took longer than the time it took the mustangs to be herded by helicopter over a ridge, down a draw and into a trap at the Wild Horse Gather Media Day event Wednesday morning. And that includes a tense moment when the herd of about 30 animals split into two groups at the east wing of the enclosure, with the main body of horses veering outside of the entrapment area.

The drive, hike and wait time was about 4½ hours for the 2-minute viewing opportunity that kicked off wild horse gather activity. The Bureau of Land Management began the gather Wednesday and will continue the herding through Friday in the Black Mountain and Hardtrigger Herd Management Areas in the Owyhee Mountains just west of Murphy.

Periodic roundups are a necessary part of wild horse management on BLM land, according to an official from the federal agency. The horses have no natural predators and an average life span upwards of 20 years. Wild horse populations grow fairly quickly, with typical annual increases of 20 percent. According to Chris Robbins, Wild Horse and Burro lead for the BLM's Boise district office, the growth rate is 23 percent for the Black Mountain and Hardtrigger HMAs. Current estimates place the wild horse populations in the gather area at 182 percent of the upper end of established appropriate management levels (AMLs).

The driver of wild horse management policy is the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971, which states, "Wild horses are living symbols of the pioneer spirit of the West."

The act gives a directive to

"manage wild free-roaming horses and burros in a manner that is designed to achieve and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance on the public lands." Further policy instructs the BLM to "manage free-roaming horses as a component of the public lands in a manner that maintains or improves the rangeland ecosystem."

The BLM is attempting to balance wild horse requirements with grazing management, recreation, vegetation, water quality, riparian area, soil and wildlife needs, among others, in its overall management policy.

According to the BLM, seven grazing allotments with various use periods currently under deferred or rest rotation are within the 50,823-acre Black Mountain and 68,705-acre Hardtrigger HMAs. According to BLM range specialist Jake Viapando, the allotments in this area are seasonally rotated in spring and summer. The allotments are generally open for staggered 30-day periods, moving from lower to higher elevation grazing areas as the season progresses.

BLM captures 295 horses, removes 254 from HMAs

The plan for the current gather is to capture a combined 295 animals in the two areas. In order to bring wild horse numbers into established AMLs according to the Owyhee Resource Management Plan, 254 of those captured will be removed and either adopted or transported to long-term holding facilities. The remainder, including select stallions 6 years of age or older and younger females, will be vaccinated and returned to the HMAs. All returned mares also will be treated with a contraceptive vaccine.

The roundup process is not cheap. According to BLM Boise



District public affairs specialist MJ Byrne, the contract for the capture and transport of animals in this gather is \$110,000, with the total cost of capture, animal prep and adoption estimated at \$213,000.

Adoption is the preferred outcome for wild horses removed from BLM rangeland. The alternative is long-term holding at pasture facilities in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma at a cost of \$1.25 per animal per day. Animals also are held at short-term facilities in Nevada and Utah at a daily cost of \$2 to \$4 per animal. Ten years of long-term holding for approximately 40 mustangs would cost \$200,000.

"In the long term," BLM rangeland management specialist Tom Miles said, "gathering and adoption is a pretty cost-effective option."

A successful gather will put the Black Mountain and Hardtrigger HMAs on a schedule to have future gathers every four years. Previous gathers have taken place in these HMAs in 1993, 1996, 1999 and 2003.

The media day began at 7:45 a.m. A caravan of a dozen vehicles drove out toward Murphy before turning south on Clark Road and proceeding about 2 miles south to the base of the mountains.

The vehicles parked just off the dirt track, and observers

walked a few hundred yards up a hillside to the viewing area, which overlooked the trap site in a draw approximately a quarter-mile away. The wings of the enclosure area were visible, and they wrapped to the north and west around a small knob, behind which the pen was hidden.

As the helicopter circled, scouting the area for horses, Byrne and Miles conducted a briefing of the gather operation. Among the viewers were Vince Moreno, state natural resources assistant for Rep. Bill Sali (R-Idaho), Sabrina Amidon of Boise's Hidden Valley Ranch and friend Doro Langohr of Darmstadt, Germany, wild horse adopter and trainer Bill Nichols, Wild Horse and Burro program volunteer Joanna Stroeder and BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Council member and Wild Horse and Burro program volunteer Ralph Richardson.

Amidon, Langohr and Richardson also were observing the gather activity on behalf of the group Friends of the Mustangs, an organization based in Grand Junction, Colo., that works with the BLM to help ensure the safety of the wild horses.

Agency mounts an air and ground roundup operation

Byrne explained the basics of the air and ground operation conducted by Utah-based K & G

Livestock. The helicopter would drive the horses to the trap while six to 12 people on the ground would man the trap. A "Judas Horse," a domestic horse trained to lead the wild horses into the trap, would be positioned at the trap's funnel entrance.

Viapando instructed the group to sit or crouch to maintain a low profile as the horses approached and to remain still as movement would spook the animals.

"Once they blow up they're wise, and we might not get 'em again," Viapando said.

Robbins said that the capture contract with K & G stipulated that if the observers spooked the horses, the observation opportunity would be called off and the observation area vacated.

Miles explained that one of the primary concerns in a capture operation is the safety of captured foals.

"They are going to do some separation out there to protect the foals," Miles said. "That's our biggest concern because they can get smashed."

Once captured, all of the horses are aged, freeze-branded, vaccinated and sorted. In addition, all horses put up for adoption are wormed and Coggins tested for equine infectious anemia, a viral

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disease for which there is no vaccine or cure.

According to Robbins, the sorting is done to ensure the continuing viability of the wild herds. Health, conformation, sex ratio, age and color are all factors to be considered. Color is taken into consideration only in terms of adoptability, so it comes into play after the other elements have been weighed. Because some colors are more popular than others when the horses are adopted out, a mustang with a more desirable color will be released back into the wild over one of less desirable color in order to produce more attractive animals for future adoption, all other factors being equal.

According to Richardson, rounding up the horses by helicopter is safer and quicker than a strictly ground operation.

"It is a lot more humane," Richardson said. "The chopper keeps the horses moving at a better pace without scaring them and running them at breakneck speed and hurting the horses."

Mustangs described as 'shooters' and 'puppy dogs'

The operation took longer than expected, with the helicopter returning once to refuel. During the wait, several of the observers shared their thoughts about wild horses.

Stroeder said that some people call mustangs "shooters" because they look upon them as range mutts, worthy of shooting as a waste of forage that could be consumed by cattle. She said that she had sometimes covered up the freeze brand on her mustang's neck because of the negative opinion toward wild horses held by some people with whom she had ridden.

All other conversation in regard to the wild horses was positive.

"They will give everything to you," Stroeder said. "They are usually a lot more loyal than domestically bred horses."

Miles said that they are attractive animals for adoption primarily because they have extremely strong hooves, they have very good stamina and "the puppy dog thing — they get very attached to you."

"All mustangs are, is scared when you get them," Richardson said. "I can't say enough good things about mustangs. Their feet are just hard as iron. They make great horses. You might think that this is a sales pitch for mustangs, and you're right."

Nichols said earning the trust of the animal goes a long way.

"You would never believe it when you first see them, they are so wild," Nichols said, "But once they figure out you're not gonna eat 'em, they melt right down. They follow you around like a dog."



Horses captured in cloud of dust

Above: The wild horses raise a cloud of dust as they run down the enclosure funnel toward the pen. **Below:** The group heads back toward the trap after being turned by the helicopter.



Amidon sounded a slight note of caution against the puppy characterization, saying: "I have trained 38 of them, and 36 of them were fine. Two of them were not puppy dogs, though."

Amidon also talked about mustang trainability.

"We've been taking mustangs to parades six weeks after we adopted them," Amidon said. "They are very good horses. Especially our Owyhee horses. They are definitely on the top of the list."

"Anything anyone wants to do with a horse you can do with

one of these guys," Nichols said, "except enter a quarter horse show."

Eventually, the sound of the helicopter signaled the approach of a band of horses. Viapando radioed Robbins to warn everyone to stay down and still.

A dust cloud on a ridge to the south of the trap indicated the animals' location just before they traversed the ridge and entered the cut where the trap was hidden.

The Judas Horse was put into position just before the wild horses entered the viewing area.

"The ones who have been

captured before and released know exactly what's going on," Stroeder said. "They remember."

As if to prove Stroeder correct, the bulk of the group broke to the right at the entrance to the trap's funnel. The helicopter pilot made a steep turn to head them off. The chopper's end run deftly pushed the herd back together between the wings of the trap, right in front of the Judas Horse, who took off toward the enclosure.

The mustangs followed at a gallop. In a few seconds, the entire band was out of sight around the knob. The only sign of them from

the viewing area was the cloud of dust the animals kicked up as they passed.

Twenty-nine mustangs were captured Wednesday, and another 44 were gathered Thursday.

The BLM has an adoption slated for Aug. 25-26 in Boise. Minimum cost to adopt a mustang is \$125.

For more information about mustangs, including information about wild horse adoption, call 1-866-4-mustangs or visit the BLM Web site at www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov.

—RTH

Conservation district seeks project coordinator

The Owyhee Conservation District (OCD) has posted a position of Agricultural and Ground Water Project Coordinator for the Northwest Owyhee County Water Quality Improvement Project at the district's office in Marsing.

The purpose of the position is to develop and implement plans for nutrient management, irrigation water, and best management practices with landowners in the Homedale/Marsing Nitrate Priority Area.

According to Idaho State Department of Agriculture Ground Water Program Manager Lance Holloway, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality designated 25 nitrate priority areas in the state in 2000. The priority areas were established based on population, ground water quality, analysis of nitrate levels and groundwater usage.

The Homedale/Marsing Nitrate Priority Area was ranked as the 12th-highest priority of the 25 areas established. The standard for nitrate in drinking water set by the Environmental Protection Agency is 10 milligrams per liter. Idaho State Department of Agriculture studies show levels in the Homedale/Marsing priority area ranging from 13.5-78 mg/l.

The primary goal of the water quality improvement project is to reduce the level of nitrates seeping into the area's groundwater. The project also will address sediment, phosphorus and bacteria issues relating to surface water.

The coordinator position is listed as part- to full-time, up to 40 hours per week, with a full-time salary range of \$24,960 to \$31,200.

The position is open to applicants until Monday. For more information, contact the OCD at (208) 896-4544.

Building benefactor visits ION museum

Museum board begins to plan for grand opening in Jordan Valley

by Adele Payden

John Elorriaga, a benefactor of the ION Heritage Museum in Jordan Valley, on Friday toured his former home which now houses the museum.

The building had been an old Basque boarding house and family home. Elorriaga and Roy Eiguren received a room-by-room tour of the museum Friday morning.

According to reports, Elorriaga said the museum displays were better than expected, and that museum curator Joanne Cunningham did a wonderful job of preserving the family's history through displays, throughout all of the rooms.

The tour lasted over an hour with many recollections and pastime stories exchanged by some and many were shared between John and Bob Skinner, an old friend.

Others in attendance for the tour and luncheon meeting included Basque historian and Elorriaga friend Roy Eiguren; museum board members Hazel Johnson, Helenne Dentel, Adele Payden and Delores Scott; Jordan Valley Basque Club members Sherry Jaca, Tracy Skinner and Mitzi Eloridi; and Jordan Valley school representative Luisa Lowry.

There were many laughs and many new things learned, while John looked over all of the artifacts and displays.

Upstairs, looking at the displays in the Cowboy/Ranching room, John and Bob talked about the hard work, way back when, and how much money they earned while putting up hay. John remembers working for the Sam Ross Ranch when he was 12 years old and he earned \$20 a month, which he said was 66 2/3 cents a day — a comment that drew laughs. More laughs came when he said he once earned \$1 a day for not working after breaking his arm working with a hay rake.

While touring the downstairs Pastime Room (sports, music and game room) and in looking at the mandolin displayed on the wall John recalled how well his mom played the instrument. The button accordion, which he played as a boy, was displayed on the wall as well. It brought back more memories with more stories on his part.

We all enjoyed the tour, and it seemed even better having someone who had a story to tell us, as we worked our way through each room's family memorabilia and collectibles.

A working luncheon meeting at the JV Cafe followed the tour, and it turned out very well. We accomplished more than anticipated for the preliminary planning of the grand opening of the ION Museum, which is scheduled to be held sometime in September.

The museum is open on a limited basis now.

The JV Basque Club, museum and Jordan Valley school were represented by one or more people. Eiguren, who traveled to Jordan Valley with Elorriaga, is actively involved with the Cenarrusa Foundation, Homedale Basque Center and Boise Basque Museum. He gave us very helpful information, and he will be in contact soon in order to set a time and date for the ceremony.

Consideration for the date will be determined around John's schedule and other conflicting events such as sports games and other occurrences, which might jeopardize a good turnout.

During the meeting, the consensus was to have Roy act as the master of ceremonies. He also will serve as liaison to line up Basque dancers, singers and a Basque food vendor. Roy suggested having a Scottish bagpipe group and an old military cannon salute and tent display for the ceremony, which he also will coordinate.

Further planning will take place at the next ION board meeting.

For information on getting involved with the grand opening ceremony as a volunteer, entertainer or vendor, or anyone with suggestions for the celebration, can contact event coordinator Adele Payden by phone at (541) 586-2818 or (541) 586-2460 or e-mail at ionmuseum@yahoo.com.

Local school boards shuffle

Marsing Joint School District and Adrian School District reorganized board positions at their most recent board meetings on July 10 and July 12, respectively.

In Marsing, Joe Usabel is the new chairman while David VanWassenhove was elected vice-chairman. Appointed positions were unchanged, with the only formal announcement being the official re-appointment of Betty Ackerman as Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency representative. Debbie Holzhey remains as district business manager/clerk, and Miren Lowry continues as district deputy clerk.

Each school's principal is required to be named deputy treasurer to allow the principal access to and authority over the Associated Student Body account at his/her school. Lillian Stewart is principal of Marsing Elementary School, while Paul Webster is principal of the middle school. Wade Pilloud is entering his first full year as the high school principal.

Adrian School District's new chairman is Neil Allison. The vice-chairman is Paul Shenk. Gene Mills is chief administrative officer and clerk while Darla Witty is deputy clerk/business manager, custodian of funds and budget officer.



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Owyhee Cattlemen's Summer meeting

Keynote speaker praises OCA values

Dale Dixon voices optimism because of youthful presence at summer meeting in Silver City

Perpetuating the industry and the lifestyle was an underlying theme Saturday at the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting.

From the election of new officers to the keynote presentation by Idaho Rural Partnership executive director Dale Dixon, the 129th annual convention in Silver City looked ahead more than it gazed longingly for the past.

There were tips of the hat to those who had come before:

- Elias and Inez Jaca accepted the Life Member Award.
- Nita Lowry, the wife of Life Member Bill Lowry, won the membership bit
- And 1975 OCA president Bill Ross and fellow Cattlemen's members Jack Potter and Bud Greeley — all of whom passed away in the past year — were remembered.

But in a lot of ways Saturday belonged to the next generations.

With a healthy dose of respect for the men and women who chose ranching as a way of life and a career, Dixon bubbled with optimism during a keynote address that also touched on the dark realities of modern life in rural areas.

"I think there's a bright future despite what we're going through," Dixon said early in his address.

Dixon, a 1989 Homedale High School graduate, recalled growing up with the Owyhees as his playground. He lives in Nampa now, but his father still farms and the younger Dixon raises cattle for his family's dinner table.

He stressed that in order to move forward, the natural resources industries — including cattle production — must embrace and exploit technological advances.

"The technology is changing

at an exponential rate, and our ability to adapt that technology is changing at an exponential rate," he said.

He told of a Nampa company that has developed a microchip that can be implanted in beef to track it all the way through the production process to ensure the meat stays at a safe temperature from slaughter to supermarket.

Dixon stressed that rural Idaho is being affected by drug use, drug manufacture and violence as population growth oozes out of the urban areas.

"It's changing our character," he said of the growth.

Dixon told the story of how even reporting cattle that had escaped the pasture has changed. Before the population explosion, if a driver on the highway encountered a stray cow or two, he would stop his car and shoo the cattle back inside the fence, Dixon said.

"Now, if they don't hit the cow, they call the sheriff," he said, drawing chuckles from the ranchers who know the scenario all too well.

But Dixon urged the OCA to continue its fight to preserve the culture and industry.

"With the loss of natural resources-based industries, we lose our way of life, a source of great income and we see artificial inflation of property values and pretty soon we can't afford to live where we grew up," Dixon said.

Dixon did temper his gloom and doom with abundant optimism and praise and hope for the future.

"You (the Owyhee Cattlemen's) have an active board of mostly young guys who are thinking about the future, and that's what we need," Dixon said.

He looked around the Silver City Masonic Hall and marveled



Cattlemen's pep talk

Nampa resident Dale Dixon, the executive director of the Idaho Rural Partnership, begins his keynote address during Saturday's 129th annual summer meeting of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association in Silver City.

at the children who were running around, and he spoke of a strong future if the children continue the work ethic of their parents.

He urged those young OCA members to fight the temptation to take the money and run as property values soar.

But Dixon also lamented the previous generation's plea for their children to get off the farm or ranch and get a college education to fuel a better life.

"We've really shot ourselves in the foot with the natural resources industry," he said. "We told them to get off the farm and go to college.

"But now we're looking down the barrel of an industry with no generation to take over."

The youthful trend will continue on the OCA board as Winston Gammett, Matt Tindall and Brenda Richards were unanimously elected to succeed Brad Huff, Chris Johnstone and Jeff Lord as directors.

In his attempt to encourage the group to continue to fight sprawl and its negative effects, Dixon told the story of a rancher who convinced a 13-year-old girl to give up methamphetamines. The incentive: If she stayed clean, and the horse knew this, she could

have the horse. The girl kicked the drug, and the rancher followed through on the deal.

Dixon also talked about the marketplace of today with the flood of inferior food products from overseas.

He said the U.S. consumer that demands safe food must put his money where his mouth is and support the U.S. producer.

"We produce the safest food in the world," he said. "People need to get involved and think about rural Idaho in their purchase decisions."

— JPB



Saturday's big winners

Left: Elias Jaca, left, and Inez Jaca pose with the Honorary Life Member award that was presented to them after a talk by their children, Martin and Luisa Jaca. Above: Nita Lowry, right, accepts the membership bit as her husband, Bill, looks on.

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Owyhee Cattlemen’s Summer meeting

Gibson gives optimistic Initiative report

Owyhee Initiative Work Group member Chad Gibson delivered a glowing scenario to the 129th annual summer gathering of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association on Sunday.

Gibson said that he expects a vote on the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act of 2007 by the end of the year.

“This is a pretty optimistic view, but at this time we’re farther along than we have been before,” Gibson said.

Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduced the legislation into the 110th Congress earlier this year. He had introduced the bill into the Senate in the waning months of the 109th Congress last year. The legislation received a subcommittee hearing but didn’t move beyond the initial hearing stage.

Gibson said Saturday that new language is being formulated for the bill, but he didn’t elaborate on the specifics of the language.

“We expect to have revised language for (the bill) by the end of the month,” he said.



Chad Gibson

Gibson said the Energy and Natural Resources committee leadership requested the revisions.

“It’s our view that it’s the language that will get us to the end that we want,” he said.

— JPB



Changing of the guard

Outgoing president Russ Turner of Bruneau, left, presents the gavel to Dana Rutan, who will serve as president of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association until next year’s summer meeting in Silver City. Rutan is from South Mountain. “I really appreciate the opportunity the membership has given me to be president for the past year. It has been really enjoyable,” Turner said as he opened the meeting Saturday morning.

✓ Director: Richards downplays gender aspect of her board appointment

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correctness or a gesture to honor women, think again.

Richards is a member of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, the Idaho Cattle Association, the Public Lands Council and the Owyhee Borderlands Trust. She has served on the boards of the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association and the Idaho Cattle Association. She was the federal lands and public lands chairman for the ICA for five years. She also has been a national officer for the American National CattleWomen’s Association.

Richards, who is also the Owyhee County Treasurer, is an industry representative on the Bureau of Land Management’s Boise District Resource Advisory Council, was appointed to the board of directors of the Idaho Beef Council by Governor Otter and testified before the House Resources Committee in meetings discussing the National Environmental Policy Act.

As a member of a number of entities with a stake in the future of Owyhee County, Richards sees her position on the OCA board as way to facilitate communications between organizations. “I can bring information back to the board and take their perspective back to the other groups,” Richards said.

Preserving ranching heritage and the economic viability the industry in Owyhee County are among the priorities Richards brings to the OCA board.

“I’m there to work with the board members and help (new OCA board president) Dana Rutan succeed with the issues the industry faces right now,” Richards said. “I have a passion for the business. It’s a natural fit to serve locally.”

As to whether she intends to follow the path toward the board presidency, Richards said it is too early to tell, but that she is leaning toward serving her entire tenure as a regular board member.

Richards said that she is not alone as a woman rancher in the area. “There are numerous women who are full partners in this business, so I don’t view myself as unique in that fashion. That is the way it is in this county.

“Yes, I’m the first woman to go on the board, but I look at it as going on as a rancher,” Richards said. “I have always been a full partner in our cattle business. We have been in the business for 23 years and I have always been active in the business. I don’t look at it as a gender issue. It is an opportunity to give back on a local level to our industry.”

— RTH

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County funds vehicle for newest QRU

The Owyhee County Commissioners approved the purchase of a vehicle and equipment for the newly formed Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson quick response unit at their meeting on July 23. The commissioners granted \$80,000 for the vehicle and equipment.

Three weeks earlier, the commissioners had agreed to fund training to qualify seven to eight people as emergency medical technicians for the QRU, which may share personnel with the fire department, but won't be part of the taxing district.

Also approved at last week's meeting was the final plat of the Hidden Woods subdivision on Idaho highway 78 between Marsing and Murphy.

GV cycle crash injures man

Owyhee County Sheriff deputies and Grand View Ambulance personnel responded to an injury accident involving a motorcycle in the clay hills outside Grand View on Wednesday afternoon.

Joshua Kivlehan was transported to Elmore Memorial Hospital in Mountain Home with a possibly broken right arm and back injuries, according to dispatch reports.

No further information on his condition was available at press time.

IEC enlists partner for NRC process

With the county conditional use permit process in its infancy, Idaho Energy Complex's parent company announced last week that it has struck a deal with a company that will help navigate the regulatory process for a proposed 1,600-megawatt nuclear power plant in the Bruneau/Grand View area.

On July 16, IEC submitted a preliminary conditional use permit to the Owyhee County planning and zoning department. The company requested that the 125-day public hearing provision be waived and the permit application fee was deferred until the county can establish an appropriate price tag for such a sophisticated document.

If all the approval criteria are met for IEC, UniStar Nuclear will help build a U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (U.S. EPR), including assistance to Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. in the regulatory approval process and subsequent plant construction.

Guard to train Sunday at CJ Strike

A National Guardsman from Grand View has good reason to participate in Sunday's water rescue training at CJ Strike Reservoir.

Maj. Heidi Munro will be among about 50 Guardsmen taking part in a training exercise headed by Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron beginning in the morning on the lake near her hometown.

Munro's sister-in-law, Kristey

Rahn, was seriously injured in a boating accident at CJ on July 4, 2006. Munro said the boat in which Rahn was riding went airborne for 20 feet and slammed into the lakeshore after hitting a buoy near Black Sands Resort.

The impact fractured Rahn's neck. She had to wear a cervical "halo" during part of her recovery.

As commander for C Company of the 145th Brigade Support

Battalion of the 116th Brigade Combat Team that was deployed in Iraq earlier in the war, Rahn is coordinating with the sheriff's office, the Sheriff's Posse and Grand View Ambulance emergency medical technicians for Sunday's 4-hour training course.

She said the training will cover how to remove injured boaters from a vessel after placing them on a backboard, CPR and treating drowning victims, among other

exercises.

The exercise is an attempt to keep the Guardsmen fresh in the event that they are required to fulfill part of their duties to help with natural disasters, Munro said.

"Our Guard unit is focused so much on wartime missions that we forget about our stateside needs (and) what if something happens on the lake," Munro said.

— JPB

Homedale dock dredging opens rec opportunity



Homedale dock is shipshape again

Right: Rich Roland, standing, and his father, George Roland. The younger Roland asked that something be done about the sediment choking Homedale's dock because his father, a disabled war veteran, could not use the boat launch without the dock. **Left:** A scoop of muck from the dock area is ready to be placed in the truck to be hauled away during dredging operations by the city and South Board of Control on Thursday.

Crews continue Homedale-area chip-sealing



Chip seal work slows traffic near Homedale

A tanker truck, right, puts down a layer of liquid asphalt on U.S. Highway 95 north of Homedale on Friday. Two trucks, left, apply a layer of gravel over the asphalt. The work was part of an ongoing project to resurface area highways.

Homedale native to sign books at Paul's

Author returns home with short plots set in Owyhee County, hometown

A former Homedale resident is one of two authors scheduled to sign books at Paul's Market from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Jacque Rogers, now of the Seattle area, is a Homedale native and will be signing copies of her books along with fellow Seattle writer Judith Laik. Both write in the romance genre, with Rogers writing fantasy romances featur-

ing mischievous faeries. Laik also writes inspirational, self-help and young adult titles.

Among the books available for signing is *Blue Moon Enchantment*, an anthology of magical short stories that includes the work of both Rogers and Laik.

The signing event features tips from the writers for would-be authors, giveaways and a draw-

ing for a gift basket.

An anthology of short stories by Rogers, *Faery Special Romances*, includes one story set in a fictional 1880s

Owyhee County town and another set in Homedale in 1968. Each story in the anthology fea-

tures a "sassy, matchmaking faery who wreaks mayhem and hilarity wherever she goes."

For more information on Rogers and Laik, visit their respective Web sites at www.jacquierogers.com and www.judithlaik.com.



Jacque Rogers



Judith Laik



Owyhee cowboy 12th at nationals
Homedale High School graduate Bryan Martinat held on for a 12th-place showing in the saddle bronc last weekend during the final National High School Finals Rodeo of his career. Martinat was competing in the national rodeo at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. He tallied 145 points in two go-rounds to finish just two points behind Canada's Tyrel Larsen, who was 11th. Martinat posted a 72 for the top score in the morning performance on July 24, and was in ninth place after the first go. Larsen pulled off an 80-point ride in his Thursday performance, while Martinat was second with a 73. Martinat was tied for seventh after two go-rounds, but didn't score in Saturday night's short go. Photo by WT Bruce Photography

Trojans set to open summer training

Three new coaches lead Homedale High School teams into training for fall sports next week.

Football coach Rob Kassebaum opens his first summer camp Monday, while new girls soccer coach Kirt Stragey and fifth-year boys soccer coach David Correa also start workouts.

First-year volleyball coach David Hann opens preseason practice inside the Homedale gymnasium on Aug. 10

Nick Schamber also will start practice for cross country on Aug. 10.

The Trojans' football team opens practice Monday because Homedale is scheduled to play a so-called "zero week" game this year.

Kassebaum's on-field debut with the Trojans comes Aug. 24

on the road against Melba.

Stragey's first game is slated for Aug. 30 against the Fruitland girls soccer squad and will be played at Sundance Park.

Correa leads the Trojans' boys soccer team into its season opener on the road against Fruitland on Aug. 30.

Hann's volleyball team will participate in an Aug. 21 jamboree at Melba before opening the season a week later at home against Parma.

Football teams from Marsing and Rimrock also open practice next week.

The Huskies and Raiders will start volleyball practice on Aug. 10.

The volleyball and football teams from Adrian and Jordan Valley can begin practice Aug. 20.

Percifield Memorial softball



Eye on the prize
JW Chadez of the Pour House prepares to take a cut at a pitch during the opening game of the tournament Friday against Beer Pressure.

Caba's ends Panzeri's run

Panzeri Livestock will have to wait at least one more year to take sole possession of the record for most championships at the Percifield Memorial softball tournament in Marsing. Rival powerhouse Caba's instead won its fourth tourney title.

The victory by Caba's ended an unprecedented string of three consecutive championships for Panzeri, which is tied for most-

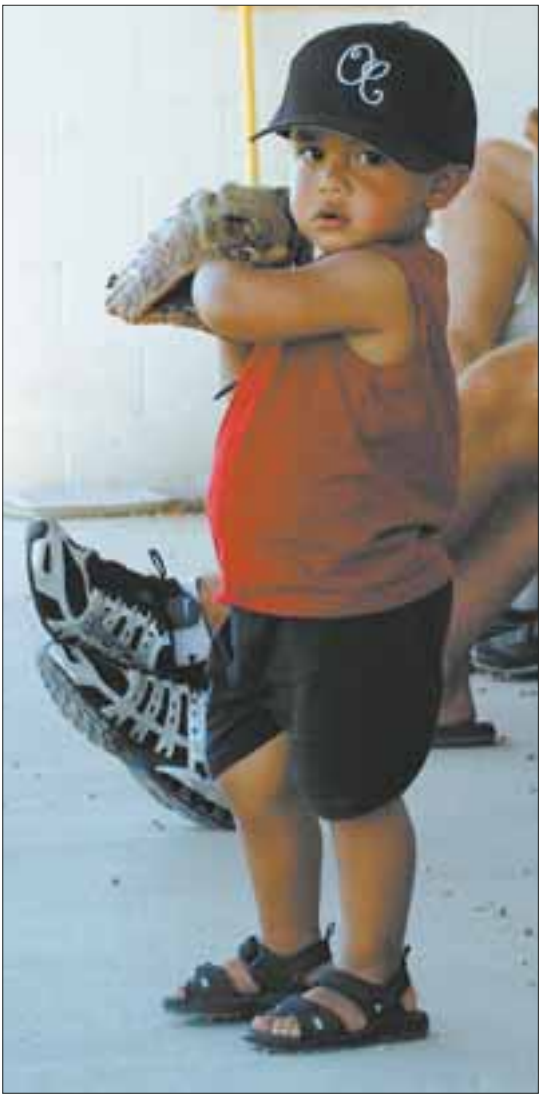
ever Percifield championships with Pour House at five each.

Caba's or Panzeri have traded off as champions of the "A"

— See *Caba's*, page 18



The home run king
Panzeri Livestock slugger Joe Widmar locks in on a pitch during his winning performance at the home run derby Sunday.



Future of the tournament
Xavier Delgadillo, son of Pour House pitcher Raul Delgadillo, looks ready to compete even at a young age.

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✓ Caba’s: Another chapter added to Marsing rivalry

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division in recent years. From 1996 to 2000 and from 2004 on, the “A” champion has been either Caba’s or Panzeri. In that time, the two teams have faced each other

in the title game six times, with each squad winning three times. CB Contractors finished third in this year’s three-day tournament, which ended Sunday. Scott Hedrick Construction was fourth, followed by Game Time Sports and Dan’s Auto Body.

Caba’s and Panzeri also claimed the MVP honors in the “A” division, with Vanessa Payne of Panzeri and Travis Vezina of Caba’s taking the crowns. Vezina became just the sixth player to win a second men’s MVP. Vezina was 4-for-4 in the championship game, hitting four over-the-fence home runs on the main field. Vezina won his first MVP in 2004.

DDD Hauling went undefeated in the “B” division, defeating Coors 11-10 for the title. Idaho Auto Center finished third while CKT Trucking was fourth. Dave Aberhausen of Coors and Shelley Marshall from DDD were MVPs.

The home run derby title went to Panzeri’s Joe Widmar, who sent one ball over the fence in the final round to edge Action Garage Door’s Travis Liebschwager.

Kathy Streibel of DDD Hauling earned the Kim Panzeri Memorial award for the tournament’s most outstanding player.

The tournament is dedicated to the memory of Tim and Mike Percifield.

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HMS sets athletics signups

Students entering the seventh and eighth grades at Homedale Middle School can sign up to participate in fall sports during the registration period, which runs from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 13.

Fall sports at HMS are volleyball, football and cross country.

Incoming seventh-graders will need a physical in order to participate. A physical form, signed by a physician, must be submitted during registration.

Athletes interested in playing seventh- or eighth-grade football can pick up equipment after school when classes begin Aug. 20.

All fall middle school sports teams will begin practice after school on Aug. 27.

Marsing gun club presents shoot, BBQ

The Marsing Gun Club invites the public to an evening shoot and barbecue beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The evening begins with competitive shoots, including doubles and Custer shoots and others. The barbecue starts at 7.

Cost of the dinner is \$5 per person with baron of beef and turkey on the menu.

The club is on Idaho highway 78.

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Trojans volleyball gears up for season

Homedale High School volleyball team fundraiser participants have until Aug. 10 to turn in the remaining cookie dough orders to junior varsity coach Jenny Hall.

David Hann’s tenure as volleyball coach at Homedale High School gets under way with a 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. practice on Aug. 10.

Tryouts for freshmen and sophomores are from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Aug. 13 and from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 14, with tryouts for juniors and seniors from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 13 and from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 14.

Final selections and team roster announcements are Aug. 15 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit Hann’s Web site, which is available through the Homedale Middle School faculty page on www.homedaleschools.org.

Marsing seeks several coaches

Four varsity coaching positions are open at Marsing High School as the Huskies prepare for the 2007-08 athletic season.

Don Heller is looking for assistant varsity coaches for football and track and field.

There also is an opening for assistant varsity boys basketball coach.

A varsity cheerleader advisor also is being sought.

At Marsing Middle School, there are coaching openings for football coach and seventh-grade girls basketball coach.

Schools hold physicals today

Rehab Authority will conduct physical examinations for local school-age athletes and cheerleaders from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in Homedale.

The physicals, which take place at the clinic at 134 E. Idaho Ave., are \$20 per athlete. All proceeds will be returned to the school that the athlete or cheerleader attends.

All athletes will be examined by both medical doctors and physical therapists.

Participating schools include Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Notus, Greenleaf Friends Academy and Parma in Idaho, and Adrian and Jordan Valley in Oregon.

No appointments are necessary, and Rehab Authority will provide official state activities association physical forms.

For more information, call Maleta Henry at (208) 337-3254.

Public Notice of Intent To Propose Or Promulgate New Or Changed Agency Rules

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

The written comment deadline is August 23, 2006, unless otherwise listed. (Temp & Prop) indicates the rule is both temporary and proposed. ** Indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.

IDAPA 02 – DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
PO Box 790, Boise, ID 83701-0790

****02-0421-0701, Rules Governing the Importation of Animals.** (Temp & Prop) Updates rules on Trichomoniasis, Domestic Cervidae, and Rabies; adds sections for the importation of fish; makes minor corrections. Comment by: 8/23/07.

****02-0429-0701, Rules Governing Trichomoniasis.** (Temp & Prop) Adds Polymerase Chain Reaction as an official test for Trichomoniasis; requires V branding of infected bulls; approves retesting of bulls with inconclusive Trichomoniasis test results; makes minor corrections. Comment by: 8/23/07.

02-0601-0701, Rules Governing the Pure Seed Law. Defines the term “Condition.”

IDAPA 07 – DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY
1090 E. Watertower St., Meridian, ID 83642

07-0206-0701, Rules Concerning Uniform Plumbing Code. Specifies when and under what circumstances sidewall venting and air admittance valves may be used in plumbing systems.

IDAPA 08 – STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0037

08-0113-0701, Rules Governing the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship Program. (Temp & Prop) New chapter establishes application and selection processes for the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship.

08-0202 - Rules Governing Uniformity
****08-0202-0701 -** (Temp & Prop) Defines “educationally related” credits as being tied to content area, pedagogical best practices, school leadership and/or district need as designated by an administrator.

****08-0202-0702 -** (Temp & Prop) Allows out-of-state certificate holders to waive Idaho Praxis II requirements if they can supply evidence of passing another state’s approved content, pedagogy and/or performance area assessment(s).

****08-0202-0703 -** (Temp & Prop) In order to protect an applicant’s Highly Qualified status change would allow Board to evaluate transcripts and experience to determine allowable credits toward certification requirements beyond current 3-year period designated for state-approved alternate route certification.

****08-0202-0704 -** (Temp & Prop) Change responds to a statewide challenge in meeting federal guidelines for Highly Qualified status through appropriate certification and content requirements by allowing greater flexibility and increased content competency among teachers and valid certification for higher education faculty serving K-12 classrooms.

****08-0202-0705 -** (Temp & Prop) Changes technology competency assessment requirements for teachers to allow for case-by-case evaluations to meet individual district requirements.

****08-0202-0706 -** (Temp & Prop) Changes AAS degree to an AS degree as originally intended and allows for para-educators with a

minimum of 32 credits of formal education to be considered for the program instead of being limited to an Associates Degree only.

08-0203-0702, Rules Governing Thoroughness. Consolidates all statewide assessments into the office of the State Board to reflect its role in identifying and recognizing schools for rewards and for determining adequate yearly progress (AYP) for schools and districts in the state. Clarifies that AYP must be determined early enough to assure at least 30 days for appeal and final determinations before school starts in the fall.

****08-0203-0703, Rules Governing Thoroughness.** (Temp & Prop) Incorporates by reference new guidance standards for the development of the education programs for students who are deaf or hard of hearing or those who are blind or visually impaired.

IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

16-0227-0701, Idaho Radiation Control Rules. Deletes obsolete rules and citations, adds required sections and updates definition section.

16-0301-0701, Eligibility for Health Care Assistance for Families and Children. Changes deem a baby eligible for Medicaid coverage for his first year of life when the baby was born to a mother covered by emergency Medicaid; and SSDI recipients and foster care children receiving child welfare services under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act are now exempt from identification verification because either the Department or the Social Security Administration verifies citizenship and identity before they issue benefits.

****16-0305-0702, Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD).** (Temp & Prop) Complies with SB 1170 by eliminating requirement that the qualified long-term care policy must be exhausted before the individual can be eligible for an asset disregard when eligibility for Medicaid is determined.

16-0310-0703, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits. (Temp & Prop) Simplifies the process used to determine a Medicaid participant’s eligibility for nursing facility care to increase efficiencies without sacrificing accuracy.

16-0323-0701, Rules Governing Uniform Assessments for State-Funded Clients. (Temp & Prop) Removes the term “nursing facilities” from the definition of “Supported Living Services Provider” since the Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI) will no longer be used for nursing facility residents and removes the reference to the use of the UAI for nursing facility resident reassessments.

IDAPA 18 – DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0044

18-0106-0601, Rule to Implement Uniform Coverage for Newborn and Newly Adopted Children. New chapter clarifies requirements for providing coverage to newborn and newly adopted children and defines what constitutes a congenital anomaly and the extent to which they must be

covered under insurance policies, and sets forth period for premium payment to secure coverage.

IDAPA 21 – DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES
320 Collins Rd., Boise, ID 83702

21-0101-0701, Rules Governing Admission, Residency, and Maintenance Charges in Idaho State Veterans Homes and Division of Veterans Services Administrative Procedure. Adds to and clarifies definitions; clarifies the basis for discharge from a veterans home; and revises the look back period for disposal of assets to match federal program requirements.

IDAPA 24 – BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES
1109 Main St., Ste. 220, Boise, ID 83702

24-2101-0701, Rules of the Idaho State Contractors Board. Change allows the Board to consider felony convictions when determining eligibility for registration.

IDAPA 58 – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255

****58-0101-0701, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho.** Updates and removes certain federal regulations that are incorporated by reference. Comment by: 9/26/07

58-0104-0701, Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants. Changes the environmental review process for grants and removes references to construction and other obsolete language, revises definitions and rule text for consistency with other DEQ rules. Comment by: 8/29/07

58-0105-0701, Rules and Standards for Hazardous Waste. Updates incorporation by reference section to comply with current federal regulations. Comment by: 8/29/07.

58-0108-0701, Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems. Incorporates by reference 2 new federal regulations and updates definitions sections in order to retain primacy in administering the Safe Drinking Water Act. Comment by: 8/29/07.

58-0110-0701, Rules Regulating the Disposal of Radioactive Materials Not Regulated Under The Atomic Energy Act of 1954, As Amended. Adds a new category of radioactive materials that must be disposed of at a permitted hazardous waste disposal facility. Comment by: 8/29/07.

58-0120-0701, Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program. Revises the conditions and qualifications for disadvantaged loans to assist small communities in qualifying for loans. Comment by: 8/29/07.

58-0122-0701, Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Public Drinking Water Facilities. Revises the requirements for environmental information document preparation when applying for grants to conform with requirements already established in other department rules. Comment by: 8/29/07.

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, August 1, 2007, Volume 07-8 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor’s executive orders, and agency contact information.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Hot old times

I took a trip back in time. Maybe a little like Moses visiting the Dead Sea 40 years later. It looks smaller, somehow ... not as deep as when Pharaoh and the Egyptian hordes were on his tail.

Forty years ago this summer I took a job in a feedlot in Thermal (as in HOT!), California. 50,000 cattle on feed. It was well managed and had a place for a student with an interest in cattle feeding.

I was in veterinary school. I knew my way around feedlots. This was not my first. They put me on the doctor crew, \$300/month, Wednesday was my day off. The cowboys, feed truck drivers and mill hands took me in. They questioned my sanity when I insisted on necropsying every dead beast, no matter how putrid, disgusting or swollen the carcass. I admit I probably exuded an aroma of rotting flesh which would have made me unwelcome in an elevator on its way to the 62nd floor.

Often Simon Urbina, who was the head doctor, would invite me home for lunch. His wife heated the delicate tortillas on the burner, and Simon and I chowed down on chile colorado using the tortillas as silverware.

We were on the job by 5 a.m. It hit 100 degrees by 9. By noon you could fry an egg on the vet shack's tin roof. We fed lots of straight braymers out of Florida and Texas. 200-pounders ... tough but fragile. I remember we had lots of time on our hands. I sharpened my knife a lot.

I had a room in the northwest corner of the first floor of the Thermal Hotel. No A/C. \$50/month. After work each day I would drive up the road to Ramon's Bar and Café in the nearby town of Coachella. I stayed there 'til dark eating greasy rolled tacos with hamburger meat, a dollar apiece, drinking beer (rehydrating) and shooting pool. It had a jukebox and a swamp cooler. It was my haven and my refuge from the heat, the empty hotel room and the pressure of tryin' to learn all I could about my chosen profession.

This summer I took time to make a pass through that corner of the world that for three months was home. I couldn't find where the feedlot was, the Thermal hotel was gone, but there on the corner, little changed from my remembrance was Ramon's. Same sign, though now it said Las Flores Bar & Mexican Food. Same wrought-iron windows and peelin' paint.

It was closed that Sunday morning, but I have no doubt it was open the previous Saturday night. It was enough for me to see it, to take a picture that means nothin' to anybody but me, and to say a few words. I don't often speak to inanimate objects but at the time it just seemed right.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*

Paris, Part Deux



It is raining lightly as we begin our full day in Paris. My head hurts. My ribs hurt, and I cannot raise my right elbow level with my shoulder. As we board the bus, the South Africans who saw me crash and burn at the Eiffel Tower the previous night ask me if I am OK. That's 100 percent more sympathy than I get from my kin.

We are introduced to our guide, Gloria — a genuine French woman. She speaks English but has a habit of saying stuff that is apparently funny to her but not to us, then laughing loudly — “Aaaah Haaaa Haaaa Haaaa!”

The bus takes us past Notre Dame, The Louvre, etc. We stop at the opposite side of the Eiffel Tower from where we were last night. The tower looks close because it is so big, but we're probably three-quarters of a mile away.

Gloria warns us the bus will leave in 10 minutes. Sara and sister-in-law Judy immediately take off on foot for the tower. Carl, Judy's husband, and yours truly follow, trying to convince them they can't get to the tower in 10 minutes. We stop, but they keep going. Ten minutes pass. They are specks in the distance but still no more than two-thirds of the way to their objective. People start getting back on the bus. The driver starts the engine. Carl and I stand outside hoping the bus will not leave if we aren't on it. It takes our wives nearly 10 minutes to return. I know it is not in my best interests to say anything.

Versailles is about 12 miles outside Paris. Louis XIV allegedly built the palace out in the country to escape the smell of Paris in the summer. Today, you can't tell where Paris ends and Versailles begins.

As we get off the bus outside the palace gate, we are set upon by about 100 former residents of France's African territories who try to sell us jewelry, “genuine” Rolex watches, postcards, maps and other trinkets. It's sort of like running a gauntlet. One entrepreneur asks me if I want to

buy a watch. I say, “No, I have a watch.” He turns to Sara, and before he can speak she asks him if he wants to buy HER watch. That seems to confuse him and we reach the gate while he is mentally sorting things out.

The Palace(s) are beautiful, but we only see a small portion in the time we have. Versailles was started by Louis XIV, improved by Louis XV and was still being enlarged when the mobs chopped off Louis XVI's head. Some members of the Revolution apparently were smart enough to figure out that in 200 years the place would be a major tourist attraction, so they didn't burn it down.

As we walk through the rooms filled with gilded furniture, and walls and ceilings covered with murals done by the great painters of those times, I sense the French feel a little guilty about lopping off the heads of Louie and Marie Antoinette. (Her “Let them eat cake” quote was taken out of context.) Today, there seems to be a certain fondness for the couple. But C'est la vie. It's easier to have fond memories of people who have been dead for more than a century.

Even in late March Versailles is packed with visitors, but getting lost is no problem. All we have to do is listen for Gloria's “Aaaah Haaaa Haaaa Haaaa!”

The world famous gardens of Versailles aren't blooming yet. But any garden a quarter-mile wide and at least a mile long is impressive even without flowers.

You could spend a week at Versailles. As the bus returns to Paris, we go through the underpass where Princess Diana died. We are dropped off at Concord Place, the spot where Louie and Marie were whacked. We are on our own for the rest of the day. Our family group of six sets sail for the Louvre — maybe a mile away. We've gone maybe 100 yards when the sky, which has been spitting a few raindrops all morning, opens up.



Gloria, the not entirely funny guide



The gauntlet of peddlers outside Versailles

Accuracy In Media

U.S. troops now fighting for U.N. in Iraq?

By Cliff Kincaid

Let's quit beating around the bush. A U.S. military victory in Iraq is not the goal anymore. Both sides — President Bush and the liberal Democrats — want to turn the country over to the United Nations. The only question is when, not if, U.S. forces will withdraw, and whether the timing of the withdrawal will make any difference in the outcome.

Consider that a July 20 op-ed in the New York Times, “Why the United Nations Belongs in Iraq,” was written not by liberal Democrat Carl Levin but by Bush's own U.N. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad.

Despite all of the hoopla in the press about major differences between the Bush administration and Congressional Democrats, they are united on one critical thing — giving the U.N. a much bigger role in Iraq. And

this spells serious trouble, if not defeat, for a U.S. Iraq policy that once held out the hope of victory over the terrorists. It is time for honest conservatives to face the hard facts about the disastrous Bush administration approach.

On July 18, most Senate Republicans voted against the Levin-Reed amendment “to withdraw troops from Iraq,” as the stories put it. While it did include a timetable for withdrawal, it also proposed that the U.N. essentially take over the country. It said that “the President shall direct the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States at the United Nations to seek the appointment of an international mediator in Iraq, under the auspices of the United Nations Security Council, who has the authority of

— See **Troops**, next page

Commentary

✓ Troops: Congress, administration appear to be on the same page

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the international community to engage political, religious, ethnic, and tribal leaders in Iraq in an inclusive political process.”

A Heritage Foundation report depicted the Levin-Reed amendment as a “Cut in the U.N. and Run” approach to Iraq. But the Bush approach is to cut in the U.N. and walk. It’s all a matter of timing. Both sides want to see the U.N. take charge.

Only two days after Senate Republicans voted against Levin-Reed, Zalmay Khalilzad proposed basically the same approach. He declared that the U.S. supports “a larger United Nations role in Iraq” and proposed that the world body undertake “complex internal and regional mediation efforts” and “help internationalize the effort to stabilize the country.”

Khalilzad said that “A new United Nations envoy should have a mandate to help Iraqis complete work on a range of issues: the law governing distribution of hydrocarbon revenues, the reform of the de-Baathification law, the review of the Constitution, the plan for demobilization of militias, an agreement for insurgents to give up their armed struggle. The envoy should be empowered to help resolve the status of Kirkuk and disputed internal boundaries and to prepare and monitor provincial elections. Also, the mandate should make it possible for the United Nations to explore potential third-party guarantees that may be needed to induce Iraqi factions to reconcile.”

Anybody with an open mind who compares the pro-U.N. language of the Levin-Reed amendment with the Khalilzad column would have to conclude that they are in basic agreement. The only difference between their approaches is the length of time U.S. forces would stay in Iraq in order to prop up the Iraqi government and its U.N. puppet masters. The Levin-Reed amendment proposed that the U.S. begin withdrawing troops in 120 days, and it set an April 30, 2008 deadline for bringing troop levels to a “limited presence.” Bush doesn’t want any fixed date on withdrawing U.S. forces. But that is all that separates them.

Some might respond that this is a huge difference. But how much of a difference can it be when Bush and the Democrats agree on the fundamental issue of turning the country over to the U.N.? If, by some chance, the situation in Iraq stabilizes and the Iraqi government survives, who will be given the credit? I think we all know the answer to that. We can hear the commentators saying that the U.N. will have “saved” the U.S. in Iraq.

On July 17 — one day before most Republican senators voted against the Levin-Reed amendment with its pro-U.N. language — Bush met with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and appealed for a larger U.N. role in Iraq. “We are going to help their political facilitation, as well as economic and social reconstruction,” the U.N. boss responded. He went on to say that, “... we also are going to continue the international compact process for Iraq ... This will provide good opportunity for Iraqi people and international community to work together for peace and security in Iraq.”

This sounds almost precisely what Khalilzad would say three days later in his Times op-ed piece. He declared that “the United Nations has an added advantage by virtue of its role as co-leader with the Iraqi government of the International Compact for Iraq, an agreement that commits Iraq’s leaders to key political steps and policy reforms in exchange for economic and other support from the international community. The influence that the United Nations has over the release of any assistance will give its envoy significant leverage to encourage compromises among Iraqi leaders.”

What this means is that the U.N., with U.S. financial backing as U.S. troops prepare to withdraw, will take over more and more responsibility for Iraq, using increased foreign aid as leverage to bring the Iraqi factions together.

Those who supported this war have to seriously ask themselves whether giving the U.N. more power over the outcome in Iraq is worth the loss of one more American life.

— Cliff Kincaid is the editor of Accuracy in Media, and can be contacted at cliff.kincaid@aim.org.

Reader’s opinion Sheriff responds to ILETS flap

Editor’s note: The following reader’s opinion is Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman’s response to comments Homedale Mayor Paul Fink made in an article dealing with the city’s refusal to pay for use of the county’s dispatch facilities and Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunications System subscription. The article appeared in the July 25 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

by Gary Aman

The ILETS (Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunications System) is a computer system that is used by all law enforcement in the State of Idaho and is tied into a national system for every law enforcement agency in the nation. It has nothing to do with selling drivers licenses or license plates. Those fees for the sale of license plates and drivers licenses are set by the state legislature and the Idaho Department of Transportation. Owyhee County cannot arbitrarily increase sales fees for these items.

When a city incorporates they take on certain responsibilities. Incorporation is a city’s way to increase services beyond what a county can provide. The city levies taxes to pay for those services. Many cities in Idaho and elsewhere contract law enforcement and other services through a county if they do not have the tax base to cover those expenses.

When a city decides to have their own police department they do so because they want more law enforcement than the county can provide. In most cases, the city, especially in the dispatch arena, contracts for that service. It is just too expensive for a small city to set up their own. You have to

have a minimum of five dispatchers, a radio system which includes a repeater (which you generally have to rent space for) an ILETS system and all the myriad of supplies and benefits for the employees.

Once a city is incorporated, the county is not responsible for services beyond what is required by law. In this case, the sheriff would only be required to handle felony cases and would not be enforcing city ordinances or other minor crimes.

I don’t want to get into any petty arguments. I totally agree that the citizens of the city are also important citizens of the county. I don’t believe it is a stalemate between the commissioners and the council. I don’t believe the county is going to go bankrupt if the city does not assist the county for their fair share of costs above and beyond what the county is required to provide. I will continue to do everything in my power to assist and provide for all citizens of the county just as I have for years and my predecessors before me.

The figure that was given to the city is very minimal for the services provided. The county would still have to have the same number of dispatchers it currently has. The county’s share of ILETS fees would go down considerably without the Homedale Police Department usage. Eight hours a month of dispatch costs would be eliminated for law enforcement reporting requirements. The county’s radio system would not require as much maintenance.

— Gary Aman has been Owyhee County Sheriff for more than 10 years.



Gary Aman

Letters to the editor

Melba School Board supports Melba Cottage Library District

The Melba School Board of Trustees fully endorses and supports efforts to form a Melba Cottage Library District. This is something that has been needed for many years. Several years ago when the district was planning the new high school the need for a community library was discussed during many of the community forums. However, in researching the feasibility of having a school-community library, we discovered that Idaho Code 33-2737 prohibited the establishment of school community libraries after July 1, 1994. In addition, the board felt that the safety of children, book selections, trying to separate school resources from library resources and a host of other variables stopped the board from pursuing this well-meaning idea any further.

The district applauds the efforts of the City of Melba and the community volunteers who have worked so diligently to get the community library open.

The acceptance of this library is evidenced by the number of people using the library in just its first year. Nearly 100 children registered and participated in the summer reading program.

We know that reading during the summer months helps children retain the educational gains made during the school year. We believe the establishment of a Melba Cottage Library District will be a tremendous benefit to the community.

Robert Larson
Melba School District superintendent

Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

Our policy is that locally written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed and include the writer’s address and a daytime phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.

Letters can be e-mailed to owyheeavalanche@cableone.net or faxed to (208) 337-4867 or mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628.

The deadline for submitting letters to the editor is noon on Friday. For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

The Owyhee Avalanche

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

July 28, 1982

Cattlemen to meet this Thursday

The Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association is holding its 104th Annual Convention this Thursday, July 29, in Silver City.

Robert Burford, National Director of the Bureau of Land Management; Sam Washburn, President of the National Cattlemen’s Association (NCA); Clair Whitlock and Joe Zimmer, Idaho BLM plus Bill Swan, former President of Idaho Cattlemen’s Association and Past President of the NCA, will be participating in the afternoon program.

Preceding the meeting a tour of Owyhee County rangeland has been planned. This tour will show the dignitaries Wilderness Study areas, areas that have range improvement projects completed and other areas where improved projects are needed. We hope to demonstrate the importance of Cooperative Management Plans where users, and land managers work together to maximize multiple use of public lands.

J.V. center gets funds

Marsha Kilgore, manager of the Office of Rural Heath (ORH) in the Oregon State Health Planning and Development Agency, announced that eight applicants from rural areas have been selected to receive funds from ORH to improve their primary health care services. The ORH defines a rural area as an area not exceeding 3,500 in population, and not considered a suburb of an urban area.

Jordan Valley was awarded \$5,000 for x-ray equipment.

There were a total of 22 competing grant applicants requesting approximately \$100,000, Kilgore said.

‘Phone company’ operates at Silver City

A bit of nostalgia combined with convenience has developed into a means of communication in the historic mining town of Silver City in Owyhee County.

The old-style crank telephone has been reintroduced at five locations in the community.

Dave Wilper developed the intercom for emergencies. He hooked up his home to the Idaho Hotel and then interconnected the Walt Adams home. From there, Wilper ran a line to the schoolhouse museum, which is operated by Adams.

Two weeks ago, Wilper connected the Paul Nettleton home to the system.

The “Silver City Independent Telephone Company,” as Wilper calls the intercom system, is not connected to Mountain Bell’s system. It operates from batteries, and is used for convenience to these people.

Former Homedale man travels to Washington

On June 14, two courageous people set out from Boise on a cross-country trip to Washington, D.C. This trip in itself is not much of a feat, but Kathey Peterson and Jim Liddell are both confined to wheelchairs and they made the trip in their wheelchairs with the help of the American Surry Tricyclopod. Liddell is formerly of Homedale. Senator Jim McClure greeted the pair at the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday, July 20. He welcomed them to Washington and congratulated them on their triumphant trip. “This machine is really an advance in helping the handicapped become more independent,” said McClure, “and it is the spirit of people like Kathey and Jim that will make it work.

The Surry was developed by Dave Sarvis, Boise, after he noticed a handicapped student at Boise State University trying to climb a hill in his wheelchair. Sarvis worked on the vehicle in his garage and came up with the machine that allows a disabled person to wheel his chair onto the surry and take off. It will travel at 30 mph and is equipped with lights, turn signals, a citizens band radio and had hand controls for the brake and acceleration. The machine is run by a Honda Moped engine, which makes servicing simple should it become necessary.

50 years ago

August 1, 1957

Two Boys purchase Caldwell market

Two Homedale men, Lester E. Carter and Verdis M. Wilson, owners of the Two Boys Market in Homedale, announced the purchase of the East Cleveland Market from Leo M. Kunz Friday.

The new owners took possession of the store Monday. The store, located at 2502 East Cleveland in Caldwell, will be known as the Two Boys Cleveland Market, Carter reported.

Carter said he will manage the newly acquired business and Wilson will operate the Homedale market. He said that he and his partner will continue to run the business in the same fashion as did Kunz, who said he and his wife will set back and take it easy for a while.

“There will be no change in our policy,” Carter said. “Mr. Kunz’ customers will find nothing altered except the face they see behind the meat counter and the cash register.”

Kunz has operated a cash and credit business for the past 10 years. Carter said the Two Boys will operate on a cash basis.

On selling his business, Kunz said, “I want to thank the people who have permitted me to serve them over the years. I would like to extend my appreciation to those who have been my friends — as well as my customers. And I feel assured our customers will continue to patronize the Two Boys Market, extending the same friendship to Mr. Carter as they have to me and my family.”

Carter reminded patrons they should watch for a grand opening.

Midget leaguers defeat Kiwanians

The Midget league baseball team defeated the Kiwanis club Wednesday night at the high school with the score about 18-14, according to Glen Stewart, coach of the Midget league.

This game concluded the Midget league season until next spring, when they will schedule games with neighboring towns.

An average turnout of about 25 enthusiastic boys attended each practice. Mr. Stewart commented, and it is hoped to have two teams next year.

This project is sponsored by the Kiwanis youth activities committee.

Fair parade to be held August 24; barbecue planned

The annual Owyhee county fair parade will be held Saturday, August 24, beginning at 10 am, according to Parade Chairmen Felisa Echevarria and Mac Parkins.

The parade will form on the street east of the railroad (one block west of the former starting position) and proceed uninterrupted to the city park. Everyone is asked to be in line by 9:30.

The fair queen, who will be crowned Friday evening, and her attendants will be featured in the parade which will end at the park where the chamber of commerce’s Old Timers’ free barbecue will begin at 11 am.

Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierce and daughter, Sharon, Pocatello, were overnight guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pierce Saturday. The visitors also attended a family dinner at the Lee Stutheit home Sunday held in honor of Frank Pierce’s birthday. Others attending were the Frank Pierce family, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McGuire and the Stutheits’ grandchildren, Darlene and Dwane Benoit, Veneta, Ore. Evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. George Stutheit, Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. John Landa and Carmen and Marilyn Adams were among those from Homedale attending the Basque picnic in Boise Sunday.

Monday evening dinner guests at the O. D. Lewis home were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sweep and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kindred and Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Morrison. After dinner they all enjoyed watching movie pictures.

140 years ago

July 27, 1867

SAMUEL GASTON AND JOSEPH SNAPP recently made a trip from Queen River Station to Silver which was attended with noteworthy circumstances. They started about the 12th inst., intending to look out the road via the Forks of the Owyhee and Flint to Silver. After making some twenty miles from the Station, they observed signs of Lo, and decided to travel on during the night and did so till near morning next day. Supposing they had kept the right course, they saw ahead what they believed to be Jordan Valley and traveled for it, but in their night tramp they strayed too far south and east and instead of reaching Jordan they found themselves in Independence Valley, in the vicinity of Red Mountain. Expecting at the out start to make the trip in two days, they only provided themselves with two boxes of sardines and a few crackers which at this stage of the journey were consumed, and the subsequent three days they did not taste food, and for as many more had nothing but a rabbit and some fish, having luckily provided themselves with a hook and line. They were completely bewildered owing to a sameness in the country, it being a succession of detached ranges of mountains with low passes, and separated by barren valleys, rendering it almost impossible not to be mistaken in selecting a landmark ahead for guidance. Finally they reached resources of the Bruneau and followed it downward till Snake River was discovered in the distance, when for the first time in several days they knew there they were. Turning in the right direction, they first came to Catharine Creek where they obtained refreshments from a rancher, and followed up the Creek, and on Tuesday night stopped with Col. Jennings. Their horses were fat when they started and poor and almost exhausted on their arrival in Silver.

Messrs G & S saw no fresh Indian sign excepting the first evening out and on the Bruneau, and at the latter place were only the “sign” of families – the tracks being mostly those of squaws and papooses. About the head of the Owyhee River and in Independence Valley the wickiups were all old and no evidence of being inhabited this year. These gentlemen think the body of warriors and thieves are west of the Humboldt Road, as when the raids were made on the stock in the spring the tails always led in those directions, and there is no reason yet to believe they have changed head quarters. If this is true, General Crook will be nearly certain to find them in his present campaign.

CAMP C. 7. SMITH, BAKER CO. OREGON, Saturday, July 20, 1867

OWYHEE AVALANCHE: Left the Owyhee Ferry Thursday last at four P.M. Arrived at the head of Crooked Creek at half past nine same evening — 24 miles. Sage brush scenery and road rough and smooth by turns, but generally a good road. Three soldiers stop at the old station as a sort of relief and convenience for the Government Express. Left Crooked Creek to the rear at half past six yesterday morning and arrived at this place at one P.M., an individual as nearly used up as one could be. Have been endeavoring to recruit ever since to be ready for another advance, which will be at six this evening – leaving me but a little time to scribble, but will save your readers a lengthy infliction of trash hereby. I should be glad to torment them all that is possible. The road from Crooked Creek pretty much the same as beyond, if anything rockier and is ten miles longer.

Camp Smith is the liveliest place I’ve seen in the upper country since the early days of Boise Basin. O. R. Johnson, Alf. Mix and others arrived here a day or two ago from Chico, bringing five or six hundred horses and mules, which added to those already here, make a camp of upwards of a thousand, and there are over a hundred head of cattle grazing on the valley round about. White Horse Creek is a series of creeks at this point, get together soon and sink. The valley is several miles long and two or three wide, covered with rye grass. There are one or two ranches in successful cultivation.

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On August 13th, 2007 at 10:00 AM in courtroom one in the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, the Board of County Commissioners will hold a hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding proposed fee increases and new fees, pursuant to Idaho Code 63-1311A. The increase in fees is to cover the actual costs of services provided. Fees to be considered by the Board are for the Planning & Zoning Department.

7/25;8/1/07

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On August 22nd 2007 beginning at 4:00 pm the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the annex Building, 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:

4:00 PM The Commission will hear an application filed by Don Gillispie of Idaho Energy Complex to construct a cellular/ metrological communication tower. The tower will be used to upgrade existing cellular service and for the purpose of collecting metrological data. Subject property is located in an Agricultural Zone generally located off Highway 51, Crane Falls Road to Tindall Road in Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 4 East, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

7:00 PM The Commission will hear a request from Falcon Butte Farms for amendment to conditional use permit 02-07 special condition 2. (b) which states “The length of time that Applicant for the duration of the project on this site will be 5 years and 6 months, commencing at the date of issuance of these Findings and Conclusions.” The date of the Finding and Conclusions being the 25th day of March, 2002. The original application was requesting permission to apply cheese plant waste products, originating in the Nampa area, to land lease by the applicant. The subject property concerning permit 02-07 is Northeast of Murphy in Sections (or portions of Sections) 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, and 27, of Township 2 South, Range 1 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

8/1,8/07

THE FOLLOWING TWO TRANSFERS HAVE BEEN FILED WITH IDAHO DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES (IDWR):

Bert Brackett and Paula Brackett of Flat Creek Ranch, Rogerson, ID 83302 filed application no. 70890 to transfer one water right with a 1966 priority date totaling 0.23 cfs from Pence Springs. The purpose of the transfer is to add more water troughs to their existing rangeland stockwater system in the Three Creek area.

Brackett Ranches LTD. of Flat Creek Ranch, Rogerson, ID 83302 filed application no. 70887 to transfer one water right with a 1966 priority date totaling 0.23 cfs from Pence Springs. The purpose of the transfer is to add more water troughs to the same rangeland stockwater system

described in 70890 in the Three Creek area, but supplies different stockwater troughs for a separate ranching operation.

For specific details regarding the application, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov with detail provided under “new water right applications”. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before August 20, 2007. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Interim Director
8/1,8/07

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF GRAND VIEW IMPORTANT

INFORMATION ABOUT

YOUR DRINKING WATER:

Effective January 1, 2006 the US Environmental Protection Agency reduced the drinking water standard for Arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. The two Well’s supplying water to the City of Grand View and/or Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. was tested on July 10, 2007 and has an Arsenic concentration of 0.21 ppb, which is at the 10 ppb Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set forth by the EPA. This is considered to be at the violation of the federal drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you have a right to know what is happening, what you should do and what your water company is doing to continue to keep in compliance. The City of Grand View and/or Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. are still required to provide quarterly public notice of this excess EPA standard Arsenic level. Until such time as Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) notifies the City that this notice is no longer required you will continue to receive this notice quarterly.

What happened? Arsenic is a natural deposit occurring element thought to enter the water source from contact with natural rock formations.

What health effects? Arsenic can cause adverse health effects, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, skin changes, nervous system damage, and various forms of cancer.

What is being done? The City of Grand View and/or Grand View Water and Sewer Association, Inc. is taking action with City and/or W/S Engineering Firm – Holladay Engineering Co. with an engineering study. A Draft for a plant removing the arsenic from the City Well’s has been presented to the City of Grand View, Grand View Water & Sewer Board, and DEQ. DEQ has reviewed this Draft and have sent a response letter. Public Works Supervisor - Robert L. Servis, Holladay Engineering Co., - Andy Gehrke and City Clerk - Helana Race have gathered the requested information and mailed it to DEQ. The next step will be a Public Hearing. Planning Grants have been applied for and two

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY2008 PROPOSED BUDGET PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 (FY2008) CITY OF MARSING

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 Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street 7:00 pm on August 08, 2007. Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Marsing City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.

	FY 2006 2005-2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 2006-2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 2007-2008 PROPOSED
Funds		Expenditures	
01 General	\$208,425.00	\$210,526.00	\$274,971.00
02 Roads & Streets	\$100,232.00	\$113,484.00	\$107,556.00
03 Parks	\$20,656.00	\$20,388.00	\$18,022.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$9,100.00	\$28,600.00	\$28,600.00
Law Enforcement	\$69,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$74,160.00
25 Water	\$2,872,562.00	\$3,694,000.00	\$3,665,278.00
29 Irrigation	\$31,428.00	\$40,980.00	\$58,961.00
30 Sanitation	\$58,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$85,000.00
35 Sewer	\$408,200.00	\$418,500.00	\$515,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (all funds)	\$3,777,603.00	\$4,663,478.00	\$4,828,048.00
Property Tax Levy Revenue			
General Fund	\$63,291.00	\$79,976.00	\$83,401.00
Roads & Streets	\$21,732.00	\$22,384.00	\$23,056.00
Park	\$7,756.00	\$7,988.00	\$8,222.00
Total Property Tax:	\$92,779.00	\$110,348.00	\$114,679.00
Revenue Other Sources			
01 General	\$214,134.00	\$202,550.00	\$265,730.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$78,500.00	\$91,100.00	\$84,500.00
03 Parks	\$12,900.00	\$12,400.00	\$9,800.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$9,100.00	\$28,600.00	\$28,600.00
25 Water	\$2,872,562.00	\$3,694,000.00	\$3,665,278.00
29 Irrigation	\$31,428.00	\$40,980.00	\$58,961.00
30 Sanitation	\$58,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$85,000.00
35 Sewer	\$408,200.00	\$418,500.00	\$515,500.00
Total Other Sources	\$3,684,824.00	\$4,553,130.00	\$4,713,369.00
TOTAL REVENUE (all funds)	\$3,777,603.00	\$4,663,478.00	\$4,828,048.00
Janice C. Bicandi, Marsing City Clerk-Treasurer			
8/1,8/07			

CITY OF MARSING QUARTERLY EXPENDITURE REPORT 3RD FISCAL QUARTER, FY2007

Fund	Personnel	O&M	Cap.Imp.	Law Enforcement	Total	Budget%
General	\$22,872	\$28,214	\$61,061	\$54,000	\$166,147	58.8%
Streets	21,856	79,075	12,553	-0-	113,484	42.6%
Parks	7,206	5,168	6,324	-0-	18,698	91.7%
P&Z	1,136	5,338	5,269	-0-	11,743	41.1%
Total	53,070	117,795	85,207	54,000	310,072	69%
Water	80,001	47,660	97,453	-0-	225,114	6.1%
Irrigation	1,981	5,763	14,450	-0-	22,194	54.2%
Sanitation	-0-	50,277	-0-	-0-	50,277	77.4%
Sewer	60,184	81,032	9,069	-0-	150,285	35.9%
Total	142,166	184,732	120,972	-0-	447,870	10.%
Total All Funds	\$195,236	\$302,527	\$206,179	\$54,000	\$757,942	16.%

Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed, supporting records of the above Financial Statement at Marsing City Hall during regular office hours.

Janice C. Bicandi
City Clerk/Treasurer

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accepted. SAGE Community Resources has been chosen as our Grant Administrator. and Moore, Smith, Buxton & Turcke, Chartered has been chosen as our Bond Attorney. The City of Grand View and the Grand View Water & Sewer Board agreed to work with USDA-RD Representative David Flesher for the loan to pay for this project.

What should I do? It will be each citizen’s choice to use alternative drinking water (e.g., bottled) or drink City of Grand View water the choice is the total responsibility of each citizen. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your Doctor.

For more information, please contact Grand View City Hall - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 8:00am to 5:00pm, lunch 12:30 to 1:30 – (208) 834-2700 - Closed all major holidays or you may contact Tiffany Floyd or Steve Staufer at the Boise DEQ office 373-0550.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. The City of Grand View has notified owners of

properties to supply copies to their residence. (For example, people in apartments, manufactured home parks, businesses and schools) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Thank you, Helana Race
Grand View City Clerk
July 23, 2007
8/1/07

NOTICE

Pioneer Mini Storage, LLC will sell to the highest bidder on Aug.

6, 2007, the stored household belongings of the delinquent account listed below. Bids will be accepted at 4155 Pioneer Road, Homedale, ID at 11:30am. Minimum Bid is \$414.00. Goods to be sold in accordance with Idaho Code.

Anthony Firkins, 1514 E. 12th St. #102, Casper, Wy. 83601 Unit # B-11.

Goods to be sold may be cancelled without notice prior to auction.

Thank you, Glenda Johnson
7/25;8/1/07

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Public notices

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 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 are 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, 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 7/11,18,25;8/1/07

BRUNEAU-GRANDVIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365 OWYHEE AND ELMORE COUNTIES, IDAHO NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted on July 19, 2007, of the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, a Special Bond Election will be held in the District on TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2007 from the hours of 8:00 o’clock A.M. to 8:00 o’clock P.M., for the purpose of voting upon the question and proposition of issuing general obligation school bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,956,500 for the purpose of financing the costs of repairs to and remodeling of the school buildings of the District, including all furnishings, lighting, heating, ventilation, water and sanitation facilities, and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said facility, and costs and professional fees related thereto. The total estimated cost of the Project if \$4,956,500, all of which is to be paid from the sale of the proposed bond issue. The question to be submitted to the electors shall be by ballot reading substantially as follows: SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365 BE AUTHORIZED TO INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS AND ISSUE THE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,956,500, TO BECOME DUE IN SUCH INSTALLMENTS AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE FINAL INSTALLMENT TO FALL DUE WITHIN TWENTY (20) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF REPAIRS TO AND REMODELING OF THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING ALL FURNISHINGS, LIGHTING, HEATING, VENTILATION, WATER AND SANITATION F A C I L I T I E S , AND APPLIANCES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE SAID FACILITIES, AND RELATED COSTS AND FEES, ALL AS PROVIDED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTED ON JULY 19, 2007? The following information is required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code: The District has no existing indebtedness. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bonds is 4.50% per annum. The range of anticipated rates is from 2.50% to 6.0% per annum. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed bonds, principal and interest, based on the anticipated interest rate, is estimated to be \$7,491,195. Qualified electors may vote at one of the following polling places: Bruneau Elementary School, 28541 Benham St., Bruneau, Idaho George Bennett Residence (Elmore County) 573 North Bennett Road, Grand View, Idaho Grand View Elementary School, 205 First Street, Grand View, Idaho Oreana Community Hall,

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET OF FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007	
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE Marsing Rural Fire District Commissioners will meet Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at the fire station at 308 Main Street to consider the proposed budget for 2007-2008. Such budget may be examined prior to such hearing at the Marsing Rural District Station.	
Judith Malmberg, Secretary-Treasurer MARSING RURAL FIRE DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008	
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:	
Insurance	\$8,000
Gas & Oil	4,000
Propane	8,000
Equipment & Repairs	6,983
Operating & Office Expense	3,516
Heat, Water, Power	4,846
Telephones	2,500
Wages	2,100
Legal	500
Building Repair,	
Maintenance & Remodeling	13,246
Fire School	500
New Truck Fund	163,975
New Building Addition	25,681
Land Purchase	20,500
Uniform/Equipment	10,000
Dues	140
Misc.	3,000
Total Expenditures	\$277,487
RECEIPTS:	
Tax Levy	44,516
Annexation	18
Ag. Equip. Replacement	16,525
Carry Over Funds	216,428
Total Receipts	\$277,487
8/1/07	

Oreana, Idaho Qualified electors eighteen (18) years of age or older who are United States citizens who have resided in the State of Idaho and in the District for at least thirty (30) days next preceding the election, duly registered as required by law, and who execute the elector’s oath in the form required by law, and no others, will be permitted to vote at said special election. The Clerk of Owyhee County, Idaho, is the Registrar of the district for the electors of the District residing in Owyhee County, and the place of registration for such electors is the Owyhee County Courthouse, Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho. The Clerk of Elmore County, Idaho, is the Registrar of the District for the electors of the District residing in Elmore County, and the place of registration for such electors is the Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4th East, Mountain Home, Idaho. Persons may register on each business day at any time during office hours of the County Clerk until August 3, 2007. No qualified elector of the District who is duly registered as a voter, and who continues to reside at the same address in which he or she is registered, shall be required to re-register. Any person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at a polling place established for the election, by completing a registration card, making an oath on the form prescribed by law, and providing proof of residence in the manner provided by Section 34-408A, Idaho Code, as amended. Any qualified elector may apply to the District Clerk for an absentee ballot. The application must be in writing, must be signed by the applicant, and must contain the name of the elector, his/her home address, and the address to which the ballot shall be forwarded. An application for a mail-in absentee ballot must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth day before the election. An application for in-person absentee voting must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before

the election, and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 8:00 p.m. of the day of the election in order to be counted. Application for an absentee ballot may be made by using a facsimile machine. The District’s facsimile number is (208) 834-2293. If at said election two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified electors voting at such election assent to the issuance of said bonds for the purposes set forth in the resolution of July 19, 2007, the general obligation school bonds of the District will be issued for said purposes, which bonds will mature annually over a period which may be less than but which will not exceed twenty (20) years from their date, will bear interest at a rate or rates agreeable to the District, and will be payable from taxes levied upon all taxable property within the District. DATED this 19th day of July, 2007. BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365 Owyhee and Elmore Counties, Idaho. /s/ Dixie Black Chairperson of the Board of Trustees ATTEST: /s/ Catherine R. Sellman District Clerk 8/1,8/07

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Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Budget of the Fiscal Year 2008 (FY 08) City of Grand View, Idaho			
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. The hearing will be held at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho at 7:00 pm on Wednesday August 8 , 2007. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed City budget in detail are available for current charge per copy at City Hall at 425 Boise Ave. in Grand View, ID during regular office hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities related to budget documents or to the hearing, please contact City Hall at 834-2700 at least 48 hours prior to public hearing. The proposed FY 2008 budget is shown below as the proposed expenditures and revenues.			
City of Grand View Expenditures Account Payable Name:	FY 2006 Approved Budget City Exp	FY 2007 Approved Budget City Exp	FY 2008 Proposed Budget City Exp
Administration:	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$10,600.00
Auto - Purchase / Maintenance / Fuel / Oil	\$1,100.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Backhoe Maintenance	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Capital Outlay	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,600.00
City/City Park Maint/Supplies/Repairs/Equip/Tools/Parts	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Contingency Fund	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Dues	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Election Supplies	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Engineering & Surveying	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Fire Hydrant / Supplies	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Insurance / Bonds / Workman's Compensation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,113.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Office Supplies / Postage / Safe Dep Box Fee	\$1,500.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Professional Services: Accounting / Legal	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Publication	\$1,483.00	\$1,483.00	\$1,483.00
Seminars	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Utilities - Power / Phone / Dumpster Service	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Total City Expenditures	\$32,683.00	\$34,333.00	\$35,546.00
City Revenue Funds	FY 2006 Approved Budget City Rev	FY 2007 Approved Budget City Rev	FY 2008 Proposed Budget City Rev
City Business Liquor License	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
Interest (Investment Pool / Bank)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
State Liquor Allotment	\$4,500.00	\$4,287.00	\$4,954.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$12,810.00	\$13,919.00	\$13,769.00
State Sales Tax Revenue	\$3,814.00	\$5,337.00	\$5,833.00
County Warrant: Grand View Tax Levy & Ag	\$5,779.00	\$6,010.00	\$6,190.00
City Revenue	\$30,153.00	\$31,803.00	\$33,016.00
City Carry / Over Funds:	Approved Budget City C/O '06	Approved Budget City C/O '07	Proposed Budget City C/O '08
Investment Pool	\$2,278.00	\$2,363.00	\$2,493.00
Checking Account	\$252.00	\$167.00	\$37.00
Total City Carry / Over Funds:	\$2,530.00	\$2,530.00	\$2,530.00
Total Anticipated City Rev & C/O	\$32,683.00	\$34,333.00	\$35,546.00
City of Grand View - Street & Road Exp. Account Payable Name:	FY 2006 Approved Budget St & Rd Exp	FY 2007 Approved Budget St & Rd Exp	FY 2008 Proposed Budget St & Rd Exp
Administration - Payroll Reimbursement			
- Wages for Supervisor	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,300.00
- Wages for Maint. Assistant	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Auto - Purchase / Maintenance / Fuel / Oil	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Backhoe / Mower / Tractor Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$300.00
Professional: Accounting / Legal	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Streets / Safety	\$3,578.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
Street Signs / Signing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Surveying	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Tools & Equipment	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Utilities: Street Security Lighting	\$2,000.00	\$2,756.00	\$3,000.00
Total Street & Road Expenditures	\$34,078.00	\$35,256.00	\$35,600.00
St & Rd Revenue	Approved Budget St & Rd Rev	Approved Budget St & Rd Rev	Proposed Budget St & Rd Rev
HUR - State Highway Users Fund	\$18,426.00	\$19,052.00	\$18,503.00
Idaho Power Franchise	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Interest (Investment Pool / Bank)	\$170.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Grand View Tax Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total St & Rd Revenue	\$23,596.00	\$24,352.00	\$24,003.00
St & Rd Carry Over	Approved Budget St&Rd C/O '06	Approved Budget St&Rd C/O '07	Proposed Budget St&Rd C/O '08
Investment Pool	\$9,090.00	\$9,407.00	\$9,926.00
Checking Account	\$1,392.00	\$1,497.00	\$1,671.00
Total St & Rd Carry Over	\$10,482.00	\$10,904.00	\$11,597.00
Total Anticipated St&Rd Rev & C/O	\$34,078.00	\$35,256.00	\$35,600.00
The proposed expenditures and revenues for Fiscal Year 2008 have tentatively approved by the City Council and entered in detail in the Journal of Proceedings. Publication dates for the Notice of Public Hearing are July 25, 2007 and August 1, 2007 in the Owyhee Avalanche, Homedale, Idaho.			
Helana (Lani) Race		City	\$35,546.00
Grand View City Clerk / Treasurer		St/Rd	\$35,600.00
		City & St/Rd Total	\$71,146.00

NOTICE OF ELECTION		
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Idaho Code 31-106, that an election shall be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of establishing the Melba Cottage Public Library District.		
Polling place for said election will be as follows: Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey Street, Murphy Idaho 83650		
Electors will be asked to indicate their choice by a cross (X)		
IN FAVOR OF Establishment of		
Melba Cottage Public Library District.....I		
AGAINST Establishment of		
Melba Cottage Public Library District.....I		
Boundaries of the Melba Cottage Library District:		
Beginning at a point where the section line common Sec. 6&7, T 3S, R 1E, B.M. intersects the Snake River, thence west 2 miles, more or less to the southwest corner of Sec. 1, T 3S, R 1W; thence south 3 miles to the SE corner of Sec. 23, T 3S R 1W, thence south 3 miles to SE corner of Sec. 23, T 3S R 1W thence west 3 miles; south 1mile; west 1 mile; south 1 mile; west 1 mile; south 1 mile; west 1 mile; south 1 mile to the southeast corner of Sec. 11, T 4S, R2, B.M; thence west 4 miles to the SE corner of Sec.7, T 4S, R 2W; thence south to the SE corner of Sec. 31, T 4S, 2W; thence west 1 mile; thence south along the range line to the SE corner of Sec. 36, T 5S, R 3W; thence west to the SW corner of Sec. 35, T 5S, R 4W; thence north to the SE corner of Sec. 34, T 5S, R 4W; thence west 4 miles to the SW corner of Sec. 31, T 3S, R 4W; thence north along the range line to NW corner of Sec. 6, T 2S, R 4W; thence east 6 miles to NE corner of Sec. 1, T 2S, R 4W; thence north 6 miles to NW corner of Sec. 6, T 1S, R 3W; thence east 6 miles, more of less, to the main channel of Snake River in a northwesterly direction to a point where the section line common to Sec. 9 & 16, T 1N, R 3W intersects Snake River; thence east 7 ¼ miles more of less to SE corner of Sec. 9, T 1N, R 2W; thence north 1 ½ miles; thence south ¼ mile; east ¼ mile; south ¼ mile; east 1 mile to NE corner of Sec. 12, T 1N, R 2W; thence south ½ mile; thence east 6 miles to Boise Meridian; thence south 10 ½ miles to SE corner of Sec. 36, T 1S, R 1W; thence west to Snake River; thence following the main channel of Snake River in a southeasterly direction to the point of beginning. Excluding the areas already within existing library districts.		
No person shall be entitled to vote unless he/she shall possess all the qualifications required of electors under the general laws of the State, and unless he/she has been a resident within the boundaries of the district to be formed for thirty (30) days.		
Dated this 20th day of July, 2007		
Charlotte Sherburn		
Owyhee County Clerk		
7/25;8/1/07		

BUDGET EASTERN OWYHEE COUNTY LIBRARY OCT. 1, 2007 – SEP. 30, 2008		
REVENUES	2006-2007	2007-2008
Property Taxes	\$26,090.93	\$27,477.00
New Construction	100.00	100.00
Sales Tax	9,000.00	9,000.00
Equip. Replacement	2,616.00	2,616.00
Memorials & Gifts	100.00	800.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	200.00
TOTAL	\$38,006.93	\$40,193.00
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	\$14,600.00	\$15,400.00
Books	7,500.00	7,600.00
Supplies	1,100.00	1,200.00
Technology	880.00	1,400.00
Contingency	826.93	893.00
Election & Expenses	400.00	400.00
Equipment	800.00	1,000.00
Fixed Charges	2,600.00	3,000.00
Insurance	1,800.00	1,800.00
Legal Service	200.00	200.00
Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00
Operation of Plant	4,900.00	4,900.00
Travel & Training	400.00	400.00
TOTAL	\$38,006.93	\$40,193.00
Kathy L. Chick, Clerk of the Board		
7/25;8/1/07		

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Owyhee County Church Directory

Snake River Valley Fellowship Wilder/Homedale 16613 Garnet Road Sunday 10 am Worship Tuesday 7 pm Pure Word and youth group Thursday 7 pm Worship 475-3733 or 880-8962 Pastor Robert Cooperstein	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Pastor: John Beck Worship Services: 9:30 am Sundays Adult Sunday School: 8:30 am Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Homedale 337-4248 or 454-1528 SE corner Idaho and West 7th Sunday School: 9:00 to 9:45 am Services: 10:00 am Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study: 7 to 8:30 pm	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Dwayne Fisher Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez 896-5552 or 371-3516 <small>Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Español)</small>	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-4437 Pastor Paul Miller Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 896-4294 Pastor Rick Sherraw Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship 11am-12pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Sunday evening 7pm-8pm Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm Every 3rd Sat. family video at 6 pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Teen Services Sundays 7:00 pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Streibel Sunday 2nd Ward, 9 a.m. Bishop Payne	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Carolyn Bowers Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2007 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 27 - Feb. 17 - March 10 - April 28 May 12 - June 9 - July 21 - Aug. 11 Sept. 8 - Oct. 13 - Nov. 24 - Dec. 22 For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508



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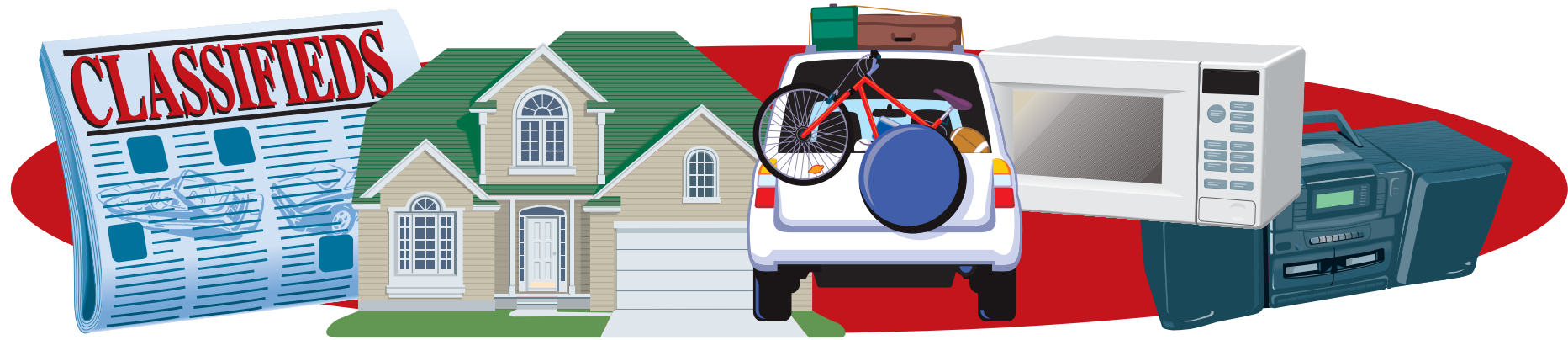
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