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## Children cast in at Spring Fling



### WICAP-sponsored event attracts more than 100 anglers

Marsing's Delaney Percifield fires a cast into the Island Park pond in Marsing during Saturday's Spring Fling. Idaho Department of Fish and Game personnel handed out more than 100 rods and reels for the free event for preschoolers and their parents. For more on weekend activities, see Page 10A

## Initiative set for a Tuesday hearing in D.C.

Passage of lands bill package opens door for Owyhee's turn

For all the talk that the wheels turn slow in Washington, D.C., optimism about the Owyhee Initiative grew at a furious pace last week.

Less than a day after a perceived hurdle was squashed and hours after a package of public land bills passed the Senate, key figures in the long fight to preserve Owyhee County's backcountry announced that Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) had introduced the bill into the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

A hearing before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests is expected Tuesday. "The actions that we announce

today bring us the best opportunity to pass the Owyhee Initiative in Congress this year," Crapo said during a conference call with members of the media.

"And they retain an effort rich with the collaboration and the consensus tone we set all the way back in 2001."

It was that consensus tone that perhaps turned away what could have been a huge threat to the bill Wednesday evening when Senate leaders torpedoed an effort to

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### Children could be sent home

The Marsing school board recently voted to bar kindergarteners and first-graders without current immunization records or exemptions.

## Marsing struggles with immunization

Kindergarteners, first-graders without current shots to be barred from class

The Marsing School Board voted on Tuesday to exclude kindergarten and first-grade students from classes beginning Monday if they do not provide current proof of or exemption from immunization.

The board unanimously passed a resolution at its monthly meeting that all kindergarten and first-grade students provide the school with current records showing compliance with state immunization requirements by Friday. Students who have not provided current records will not be allowed to attend class Monday.

The vote came as word came down from a state agency that continued non-compliance could bring the Idaho Attorney General's Office into the situation for disciplinary action.

Trustees took action after the school district received a site visit from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare regarding the district's poor immunization compliance history. According to Health and Welfare, only 55.5 percent of kindergarten and first-grade students at Marsing Elementary School were fully immunized in the 2007 school year. Health and Welfare also said that 25 percent of the affected students' records are incomplete or missing.

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# Former schools boss challenges for state Senate

A Marsing man has decided to run against a Republican incumbent in the Idaho Senate.

Owyhee County native Doran Parkins filed in time to make it on the May 27 primary ballot, and will run against District 23 Sen. Tom Gannon (R-Buhl).

“I am running for this position because I believe we must take a more aggressive and conservative role in standing up for the rights and responsibilities of the citizens of our counties and state,” Parkins wrote in a handout provided to The Owyhee Avalanche.

Parkins followed in his father’s footsteps and served as superintendent for school districts in Marsing and Mackay. His father, Arlie, was a former Homedale School District superintendent.

The 66-year-old Parkins, a former member of the Marsing school board, said that he is running to support the strong traditions rooted in Southwest Idaho.

“Agriculture is the heart of our lifestyle and our financial base here in Southwest Idaho, especially in Owyhee and Twin Falls

counties,” Parkins wrote. “The cultural traditions have been developed here for many generations, and some of these farms and ranches have existed in the same families for more than a century.

“Despite these strong traditions, we face constant challenges over land ownership, grazing rights, the production and processing of our products, and the marketing of these commodities.”

While Parkins and Gannon face off in the GOP primary next month, Buhl Democrat Tom Chisholm will run opposed for the second consecutive primary.

In the House of Representative races, District 23 GOP incumbents Jim Patrick (Seat A from Twin Falls) and Bert Brackett (Seat B from Rogerson) will run unopposed in May, but will face Democratic opposition in the Nov. 4 general election.

On the Democratic side, Peter Rickards of Twin Falls will challenge Patrick, while another Twin Falls man, Mike Ihler, will oppose Brackett.

— JPB



Doran Parkins

## Lights up for safety



### New streetlights illuminate Idaho Avenue crosswalks

Idaho Power Co., workers, from left, Steve Moser, Jon Post and Brent Luloff attach a streetlight to a new utility pole Friday morning across East Idaho Avenue from Homedale High School. The crew installed two lights that will provide more illumination for two crosswalks used by students.

## Homedale council prepares to apply for block grant again

Saying that she couldn’t justify to her superiors writing another grant for free, Sage Community Resources representative Pat Engel received a \$2,500 fee Wednesday from the Homedale City Council.

The fee will finance the city’s third application for a \$500,000 Idaho Department of Commerce Community Block Grant in the past decade.

A similar grant, which the city already had been awarded during the mayoral administration of Paul Fink, was rejected in January by the new council under Mayor Harold Wilson.

“As a non-profit, I can’t justify to my board doing a third one,” Engel said, alluding to past

aborted grants.

No clear objective for this latest grant was given during the meeting, but Engel said that the city’s chances would be bolstered if it could complete a master plan outlining where development is needed. She said that the \$50,000 traffic study and data collected for previous grant applications could be used to build the master plan.

Engel also said that Homedale must work on developing a improvement district of some sort to create a tax base.

“Commerce doesn’t look too favorably on giving outside money to a community that doesn’t have local financing in place,” she said.

The council also had a lengthy discussion about waiving its \$10 adoption fee for impounded dogs for a Canyon County woman who has been rescuing the animals from euthanasia.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller balked at the waiver because he said it was one of the few revenue streams for his department’s tight animal control budget.

Council members suspended the fee for anyone who wants to adopt a dog at least until their April 24 meeting as city fathers mull a possible fee modification for people who adopt several dogs in a year.

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# Commission lifts area restrictions in county

The public access restrictions placed on the bulk of the county have been lifted.

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution No. 08-11 on April 7, declaring that conditions in the closure area had improved sufficiently to rescind the closure first declared on Feb. 25.

Public access to vast areas of Owyhee County had been cut off because of adverse conditions, which increased the likelihood of serious long-term damage to county lands and the possibility that recreationists could be hurt and/or require rescue.

Commissioners also recently passed resolutions dealing with the Owyhee County Energy Task Force and Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee. Both were passed on March 24.

The Owyhee County Energy Task Force replaces the Energy Committee, which was formed to draft the county's Energy Plan, and is tasked with the Energy

Plan's revision and implementation. Newly appointed chair Sid Erwin has been instructed to make appointee recommendations to the commissioners, and to develop a timeline for the activities of the panel.

The Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee resolution rescinds a 2007 order forming the same committee, stating that "there have been no recommendations from the previously appointed committee" and "Owyhee County has now moved into a process for revising the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Natural Resources Plan, the Energy Plan, and coordinating all plans into a unified planning process."

Jerry Dickerson will chair the new Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee. His duties will be similar to Erwin's. He also will be asked to make "a recommendation as to implementation of development impact fees which will serve the public interest."

— RTH

# Marsing dairyman linked to IEC plans to build in Elmore

An Owyhee County dairy farmer owns the Elmore County hayfield on which Idaho Energy Complex proposes to build a 1,600-megawatt nuclear reactor.

The Mountain Home News reported in its April 9 edition that DeRuyter Properties, LP owns the 1,400-acre parcel in Elmore that is 15 miles upstream from the original site outside Bruneau. The new site is on the north shore of the Snake River.

DeRuyter Properties, LP is owned by Marsing-area dairy farmer Nick DeRuyter.

Although the IEC reactor planned for the Bruneau site was supposedly going to be built by France's AREVA, Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. and IEC chief executive Don Gillispie told the Mountain Home News that the company still is shopping for a design. One option cited in

the article was a third-generation light-water reactor built by General Electric. Gillispie told the newspaper that the design already has been approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

According to the NRC Web site, AREVA only submitted an application for standard design certification on Dec. 11. The NRC isn't scheduled to complete a final Safety Evaluation Report on the reactor until May 2011, and there is no date established for the issue of a final rule.

A timeline on the IEC Web site puts a start date for plant construction in the fourth quarter of 2011. As of Monday, more than a week after the announcement of the move to Elmore, the most recent news release on the site was dated Jan. 23. There was no news of the move out of Owyhee.

— JPB

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I am the **only** candidate who has chaired a committee that is working to make sure that recreation users still have the ability to use the county while protecting private property and keeping resource damage to a minimum.

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# Deputy locates overdue campers

Two reports of parties overdue from recreational trips to eastern Owyhee County ended happily on Monday, according to Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and sheriff's dispatch logs.

Up to five people from the Boise area were due back at 5 p.m. Sunday from a float trip on the Owyhee River south of Mountain Home. When they had not come home by 12:30 a.m. on Monday, they were reported as overdue to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office. OCSO called off a scheduled search at first light when deputies learned that the group had arrived home safely at around 4 a.m.

Holly and Don Lane of Boise were scheduled to return from a camping trip to the CJ Strike

area mid-morning on Sunday. The couple was reported missing at just after 10 a.m. on Monday. Sheriff's incident logs indicate that an added concern in the search for the couple was that Don Lane has a history of heart problems. The couple was located Monday afternoon by Deputy Russ Turner.

Also on OCSO incident logs in the past week:

- A man reported the theft of tools from his truck, allegedly while he dined in Marsing on Thursday night
- A pair of dogs attacked a flock of sheep in the Opaline area on Friday
- Someone apparently tried to break into Caba's on Saturday
- And a 26-year-old Eagle

woman was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence in Marsing on Sunday.

Brandon Neff, of Nampa, reported that while he was having dinner at Caba's Restaurant in Marsing, approximately \$1,200 to \$1,300 worth of tools were stolen from the back of his truck. The alleged theft occurred between 9 p.m. and 11: 45 p.m. on Thursday.

On Friday morning, Daniel York of Melba called to report that he had shot one of his neighbor's dogs. York reported that two dogs had attacked his sheep. According to incident logs, Deputy Lynn Bowman dispatched the second dog. The dogs belonged to Manuel Ponce of Melba. Sheriff Aman confirmed that 11 sheep were killed and 10 were injured.

Caba's Restaurant was the scene of an unsuccessful break-in attempt on Saturday. Aman said that an investigation of the reported burglary attempt revealed pry marks on a door and wood shavings on the ground near the door. There was no indication that the culprit managed to enter the establishment.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Barbara Lithgow, 26, of Eagle near the Snake River bridge in Marsing at approximately 2:30 a.m. on Sunday on charges of DUI and driving with an open container.

— RTH

# Chamber gets OK for return of block party to Homedale

It's official. After a one-year absence, the Homedale Community Block Party will make a return under the auspices of the town's Chamber of Commerce.

The City Council approved the use of City Park for the June 7 portion of the party after Chamber Secretary Robin Aberasturi outlined her organization's plans at Wednesday's council meeting.

The block party will cap a three-day celebration. The first two days will be reserved for Fun Time Carnival's amusement rides in the Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s beet dump that stretches along U.S. Highway 95.

The carnival continues on June 7, but will share the spotlight with the festivities inside City Park.

As previously reported, there will be live entertainment on a stage in the park as well as vendor booths and Chamber member business booths.

When Aberasturi told council members that a beer garden was planned, Police Chief Jeff Eide-miller's suggestion of holding the beer garden inside the City Park tennis courts to create a natural enclosure was hailed as a capital idea.

er said during Thursday's Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon that the carnival could bring about \$1,500 into the business organization's coffers.

According to a handout on the Block Party, Chamber members will be charged \$15 for a booth at the Saturday park event; non-member businesses will pay \$30.

"The more booths and participation we have, the better," Parker said. "Hopefully we can make this an annual event and bring people in and showcase Homedale."

During the luncheon at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, Parker announced that the Chamber has grown to 59 members.

Also, Chamber member Jeff Blodgett talked about creating an ambassador program similar to the one with the Caldwell Chamber through which businesses and people new to the area are made to feel welcome.

Homedale American Legion Auxiliary member Carolyn Grooms announced that Homedale High School juniors Hannah Johnson and Annamaria Salas would take part in Girls State this summer at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

— JPB

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✓ Initiative: Craig assures work group co-chair that he's behind the bill

attach gun legislation to a public lands bill package that was passed earlier in the day Thursday.

"We literally have resolved that issue within the last couple of hours here on the Senate floor," Crapo told reporters.

"We reached an agreement by unanimous consent last night (Wednesday) that the gun amendment would not be brought on this lands package that is before the Senate right now, and we moved forward on several other amendments that were brought and literally in the last hour have voted on the final package."

That bill, which encompassed 62 separate pieces of public lands legislation, passed by a 91-4 margin.

Crapo said that there still is a chance that Oklahoma Republican Sen. Tom Coburn could revive his attempt to put restrictions on gun possession in national parks as the Initiative works through the Senate. But Idaho's junior senator also said that the groundwork has been laid to fight any such effort, which Initiative Work Group co-chair Fred Kelly Grant is tied more to Coburn's opposition of appropriating federal funds for public lands.

"I won't say that there won't be an effort to make that happen, but since the Senate has just spent a significant amount of time and effort dealing with that kind of an issue with this first lands bill, I think there will be a very, very concerted effort to make sure that it does not happen on the next lands bill," Crapo said.

"And I think the votes are going to be there to make sure that it does not happen."

The Coburn amendment was defeated 63-30.

More good news for S. 2833, the Owyhee Public Lands Management Act of 2008, arose when it was revealed that Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) has reduced his resistance to the Initiative based on the lack of funding.

Grant, who along with Owyhee County District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund and county Sheriff Gary Aman, met with Craig, said he was confident that the retiring senator was in the corner of the diverse group trying to push the bill through to President Bush before adjournment of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

"He assured us that the way the bill is worded now and the way things are working that he felt satisfied that the funding would occur as necessary," Grant said. "He also told his staff to do what was necessary to make it successful, and he told the three of us that he was going to do what it took to work with Sen. Crapo to make it successful."

"I took that as a very positive commitment that he was supporting the bill."

As Grant pointed out, funding is crucial to the survival of the Initiative.

He said the total cost of the land exchange element of the bill is about \$12 million. About \$7 million will have to come from private sources to pay for the sale of ranching operations (grazing

units, fencing and improvements) surrendered by ranchers as part of the land exchange element of the bill that will create 517,000 acres of wilderness in Owyhee County.

But with the re-introduction of the implementation legislation, Grant said the road to the private funding could be smoother.

"One of the things about getting people to commit private money is they have to be assured that there's actually a bill and that the bill has a chance to pass, and until (Wednesday) they didn't have that assurance," Grant said.

"I'm sure it's going to reach the Senate floor, and I'm sure that there will be a vote on it."

Grant said the final price tag for the land exchange depends on final appraisals.

Another aspect playing to the advantage of the 16 interest groups united behind the Initiative, Grant said, is the fact that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee staff has played a prominent role in shaping the current legislation.

"That's a major, major difference," Grant said. "The bill we drafted last year was ours; this one is theirs."

"And to think they've drafted the bill in such a way that we can make it work. We've come a ... long way since last time."

Grant said that the committee would be less inclined to make wholesale changes to the language because staff was involved in the crafting of the bill even before it was submitted.

And, as he proudly points out, the committee let stand a Wild and Scenic Rivers exception that keeps Crutcher's Crossing on the Owyhee River open to motorized use.

Part of crafting the language included boosting the law enforcement appropriation to \$700,000. That money — \$50,000 more than in the first version of the bill — will be used to hire four new Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies whose responsibility will be cultural resource preservation for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes. The funding also will encompass the salary and equipment needs of current backcountry deputy George Reed.

"It would be a break to the county taxpayers that George's position would be paid," Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said.

Aman also said that the four new deputies would be tribal officers working under direction from the county sheriff. All four would be sworn in as deputies after attending the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) academy.

Aman said that last week's trip to Washington was as uplifting for him as it was for everyone else involved in pushing the Initiative along its eight-year path.

The sheriff spent some of his time in the nation's capital laying the groundwork for a backup plan of sorts in regards to law enforcement and its role with the Bureau of Land Management. He's trying to expand the county's service contract through

which the federal agency now supplies \$6,000 to help with law enforcement in recreation areas.

"We spend considerably more than that," Aman said. "We're expanding the service contract theory that it would pay. In case something would happen to the Initiative and it didn't go through, we could still do the travel (resource management plan) through additional funding through the BLM with the service contract."

Aman said talks on this most recent trip were fruitful. He met with William Woody, the chief of BLM law enforcement, and his assistant, Keith Aller. Aller is from Idaho, and Woody has worked in the West, too.

"A lot of people back here that we've met are aware of the situation all over the West with the recreation issues, so I think we're doing some good," Aman said.

He also said that, for the most part, folks back home understand that the eight-year struggle to approve the Initiative is about more than sustaining the cattle business in Owyhee County.

"We're also preserving recreation opportunities," he said. "If we don't do something with recreation, where it's organized and maintained and enforced, the BLM is going to come in and shut it all down, not just grazing. They're going to shut it all down."

"We're protecting recreation and ranching."

— JPB

✓ Marsing: District takes action after site visit, possible AG office action

Marsing Elementary principal Lillian Stewart said that the school has been pursuing a policy of encouraging young students to come to school, and that an immunization enforcement policy of holding children out of school has not been a top priority. Stewart said that immunization compliance has become a top priority in part because the school was told that continued non-compliance could result in the attorney general's involvement.

"I appreciate their coming in and giving us this push, because sometimes you need that extra push to get you going," Stewart said.

Marsing Elementary School sent out letters dated April 9 to the families of all kindergarteners and first-graders who were either not either up-to-date with immunizations or didn't have an immunization exemption on file. According to Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan, a family can file for exemption from immunization for religious, medical, or personal reasons. While the state average for exemptions is 3 to 4

percent, 19 percent of Marsing's kindergarten and first-grade students have been exempted from immunization.

Stewart said that most of Marsing's exemptions are likely on religious grounds.

"I would say that the lion's share, without actually going in and counting, are for religious reasons," she said. "The Church of Christ Followers is a rather large denomination in this area, and they do not immunize their children, and they are very cooperative and compliant about coming in when they register their children in August and filling out that yearly exemption form."

Stewart said that the exemption form requires acknowledgement that exempt students can be withheld from school should there be an outbreak of a contagious disease that might be prevented by immunization.

"Marsing district policy and state policy is that we reserve the right to exclude exempt students if there is an outbreak, because they are not fully immunized. It is right there on the form, and they are very

well aware of that," she said.

Stewart said that the school is working to improve the numbers, and has submitted an improvement plan to Health and Welfare. The plan includes the exclusion of current non-exempt non-immunized students. Also included in the improvement plan is a policy whereby a list of new kindergarten and first-grade enrollees who are neither fully immunized nor exempted will be generated after pre-registration, which takes place April 24-25.

Parents of students on the "red" list will be informed that all necessary immunizations must be up to date by the first day of school on Aug. 18.

Stewart said that she agreed with statements made at the school board meeting that characterized as a final resort the move to withhold access to school from young children who have no control over whether or not they are immunized.

"That's the last thing any of us — parent, teacher, district — any of us want to do," Stewart said. "It does fall on the parents'

heads. Parents want the best for their kids."

"Sometimes as a school district we are there acting as a reminder that this is something that has to be done. We do have to have that as a consequence if we have to turn to it. But there are a lot of other steps that we can go to before it comes to that."

Shanahan said that the goal is 95 percent immunization, and the state average in 2007 was 87 percent. He said that Health and Welfare looks at current and historical immunization figures for each school, and only conducts site visits when current and historical percentages are well below the state average.

Stewart said that Marsing Elementary has received a site visit for at least the past four years. Shanahan said that Marsing was at 74.3 percent fully immunized in 2006, and 58.8 percent in 2005.

Shanahan also said that almost all schools in Idaho are over 80 percent. Homedale Elementary School was at 83.9 percent last year.

Shanahan said that parents should not avoid having their children immunized based on the cost of the medication.

"We don't want cost to be a barrier to immunization for kids," he said.

Shanahan explained that the State of Idaho pays for the immunizations, and distributes them to medical providers who administer them.

Providers administer immunizations to families on a sliding cost scale that goes all the way to zero, so that no children should miss immunization because their family can't afford to pay for the medication.

— RTH

Read all about it in the Avalanche!



# Obituary

## Angie E. Ojala

Angie E. Ojala, 89, of Boise, Idaho, died of natural causes on April 7, 2008.

Angie was born at Homedale, ID, on May 12, 1918, and was the fifth of six children born to Frank and Frances Kushlan. She married Arvo C. Ojala at Oklahoma City, OK, on February 4, 1945, and the couple settled in the Treasure Valley in the 1950s. Angie worked as a hairdresser and was a part owner of Arne's Beauty Studio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her sister June St. Clair, her brothers Frank

Kushlan and Lewis Kushlan, and her parents. She is survived by her daughters Kate Barauski of Schaumburg, IL, and Connie Ojala of Boise; her granddaughters Aeron Teverbaugh of Portland, OR, and Heather Winslow of Chicago, IL; and her sister Fannie Mrak and brother John Kushlan, both of Homedale, ID.

Memorial mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church on Monday, April 14, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. Private inurnment will follow at a later date. Services are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

# Birth

## Jordan Danielle Phelps

Dean and Holly (Drum) Phelps of Meridian recently welcomed a baby girl, Jordan Danielle Phelps, into their family.

The girl was born April 9, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. She is the Phelps' only daughter.

Maternal grandparents are Dorwin and Vicki Drum of Homedale.

Paternal grandparents are Gary and Betty Gage of Genesee.



Jordan Danielle Phelps

## Homedale schools plan summer meals program

The Homedale School District announced it will participate in the Summer Food Service Program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Free lunches will be provided to all children on June 2-3 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Monday through Friday from June 4 to July 2, free breakfasts and lunches will be served inside the cafeteria at Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave.

Breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., and lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

## School menus

### Homedale Elementary

April 16: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, veggie, fortune cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 17: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 18: No school.

April 21: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, chocolate pudding, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 22: Ham/potato soup or tuna sandwich, peas, goldfish crackers, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 23: Oven fried chicken or beef taco pie, roll, potato salad, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Homedale Middle

April 16: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, apple crisp, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 17: Spaghetti or chicken bacon melt, bread stock, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 18: No school.

April 21: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 22: Wiener wrap or sloppy Joe, green beans, animal crackers, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 23: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Homedale High

April 16: Spaghetti, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 17: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 18: No school.

April 21: Cheese pizza, mini corn dogs or chef salad, brownie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 22: Oven fried chicken or wiener wrap, scalloped potatoes, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 23: Enchilada, burrito, pizza hot pocket, baked potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Marsing

April 16: Texas fries, fruit, milk, chicken/bun, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

April 17: Mac & cheese, fruit, veggie, milk, burrito, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, maple bar.

April 18: Corn dog, chocolate pudding, veggie & fruit, milk, Chinese egg roll, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

April 21: Red Baron pizza, pineapple, salad, milk, sandwiches, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

April 22: Chef's choice, veggie, fruit, milk, rice bowl, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

April 23: Chicken nuggets, veggie, milk, chicken fajita, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

### Bruneau-Grand View

April 16: Chili & crackers, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon rolls, milk.

April 17: Cook's choice.

April 18: Canadian bacon pizza, salad, corn, pineapple, milk.

April 21: Cheese yum, soup & crackers, veggie, fruit, milk.

April 22: Corn dogs, potato wedges, veggie, fruit, chocolate cake, milk.

April 23: Nachos/salsa, salad, corn, bread stick, fruit, milk.

*Read all about it*  
in the Avalanche!



## Senior menus

### Homedale center

April 16: Tuna salad, cottage cheese, lettuce & tomato, roll, beverage

April 17: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, roll, beverage

April 22: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, roll, beverage

April 23: Ham & cheese sandwich, salad, roll, beverage

## Senior center calls off dance

The dance planned Saturday for the Homedale Senior Citizens Center has been canceled.

Center coordinator Shirley McAbee said that the dances, which usually feature live music from Woody Purdom's band, haven't been held for some time.

It's not known when the next dance will be held.

## Weight loss group holds open house

TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, will hold an open house for prospective members on Thursday, April 24.

The open house runs from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., in Homedale.

TOPS holds regular meetings each Thursday at the church, beginning with weigh-in between 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The meeting runs from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call Darlene at 482-6893.

## Death notice

**DONALD B. SCOTT**, 80, of Churchton, Md., died Thursday, April 10, 2008. A son, David Scott of Homedale, is among his survivors. Interment is at Quantico National Cemetery in Quantico, Va.

**Public Information Meeting**

**Site Investigation of former Mountain Home Air Force Range 1**

Military Munitions Response Program

Sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**April 22, 2008 from 9 to 11 a.m.**

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

1410 North Hilton

Boise, Idaho

All interested area residents and landowners are invited to this public information meeting on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Military Munitions Response Program's upcoming Site Investigation of the former Mountain Home Air Force Range-1 located some 30 miles southwest of the town of Mountain Home. Over the next few months, the Corps will evaluate the range under the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) program. Work will include a visual inspection of the property that was part of the former range, and may include soil and/or water sampling. The Corps will use the results of the investigation to determine if future work is needed to clean up any residual munitions of concern or munitions-related components used at the aerial range. For more information, please contact Rodney Taie, Project Manager, at (206) 764-3498 or by e-mail at [rodney.r.taie@nws02.usace.army.mil](mailto:rodney.r.taie@nws02.usace.army.mil). More about Mountain Home AFR-1 and the Military Munitions Response Program is available on Corps' Seattle District website at: <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=PMEM&pagename=FUDS>

## Marsing Senior Citizens support Daryl Crandall for Owyhee County Sheriff

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# Your finances

## Student can avoid debt by staying close to home

**Dear Dave,**  
My son is a sophomore at a local college, and he wants to transfer to a very prestigious university. If he did this, he would incur more than \$100,000 in student loan debt, and that's with us picking up half of the cost. What do you think I should tell him?

— Will

**Dear Will,**  
I'd have a hard time telling anybody that one school is \$100,000 more valuable than another one. The fact is that unless he has \$100,000 lying around somewhere, he shouldn't go to that other school for one very simple reason — he can't afford it!

We hire people every week at my company, and where they attended college is a very minor blip on the radar screen. There will always be a few corporate types out there who play games and try to turn the office into some kind of snooty country club, but the fact is most employers don't care where you went to college.

Here's the deal, Will. It's what you learn and being able to use that knowledge in the marketplace that's really valuable. Knowledge is king, and we live in a knowledge-based economy. If you can't retain and apply what they're teaching, then the only thing more worthless than a college degree is a college pedigree.

This is a kid who needs guidance from his dad. Step up and explain it to him. Letting him walk out of school with a six-figure debt around his neck would be a huge mistake!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
My husband just finished school and is now a dentist. He can either build his own practice, which would involve start-up costs of about \$500,000, or he can work for a company that would take 30 percent of what he makes. We also have \$250,000 in student loan debt. What do you think he should do?

— Teresa

**Dear Teresa,**  
I don't think those are the only options. But I do think that you guys going another half-million dollars deeper into debt when you've already got \$250,000 hanging over your heads is a really bad idea.  
Why couldn't he find an established practice to work in that offers the chance for him to eventually become the owner? Lots of dentists sell their practices



every year. Plus, working as an associate instead of just a hired hand offers a lot more chance to gain valuable experience and opens the door to even greater possibilities.

So what if it takes 10 years or even a little longer to become the owner of a practice? That's a whole lot better than starting out your professional life a million dollars in debt!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
I'm single and make \$20,000 a year. Hopefully, this amount will increase to \$30,000 next year thanks to a promotion I'm in line to receive. Do I really need \$1,000 in my emergency fund or is \$500 enough? I also have about \$38,000 in debt right now, including student loans. I'm just wondering how to keep up with bills while trying to establish an emergency fund.

— Jane

**Dear Jane,**  
The best way to stay current on your bills and manage your money is by doing a written monthly budget. Give every dollar you make a name on paper before the month begins. That way, you're controlling your money instead of it controlling you.

For instance, if you know you'll get two paychecks during the month that are \$750 each, you plan how you'll spend each of those checks before you get them. Take care of necessities first — food, shelter, clothing, transportation and utilities. After you've taken care of that, make sure you're current on your debts then put every remaining penny you can squeeze out into your emergency fund. Make sure you keep all spending to necessities only!

You're at a point where you really should have an emergency fund of \$1,000. It will be a little tough, but that will be your first big goal. And do all this with a sense of urgency — like in a couple of months.

Remember Murphy's Law, and how anything that CAN go wrong WILL go wrong? If you keep living without a plan and no emergency fund, Murphy will hunt you down and move into your spare bedroom!

— Dave

# Calendar

## Today

**El-Ada commodity distribution**  
11 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4812  
**Bruneau and Beyond speaker series**  
Noon, Minidoka Internment National Monument presentation and luncheon, free, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth Street, Bruneau, RSVP by April 14. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345  
**DivorceCare recovery support group**  
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151  
**Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting**  
7 p.m., Essence of Life, 107 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-7001

## Thursday

**Exercise class**  
11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**  
5 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## Saturday

**OCHS field trip**  
Tour of Mountain Home wind power plant, 9 a.m., AJ's Restaurant, Mountain Home. (208) 495-2319, (208) 495-2232 or (208) 495-2537

## Monday

**Marsing Lions Club meeting**  
8 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4204

## Tuesday

**Exercise class**  
11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**Storytime for first- through third-graders**  
4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690  
**Pure Word recovery meeting**  
7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

## Wednesday

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

## Thursday, April 24

**Exercise class**  
11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**  
5 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting and open house, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.  
**Homedale City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641

## Friday, April 25

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

## Tuesday, April 29


**Exercise class**  
11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**Storytime for first- through third-graders**  
4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690  
**Pure Word recovery meeting**  
7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

## Wednesday, April 30

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

*The Owyhee Avalanche's calendar of events also can be accessed on the Internet at [www.owyheepublishing.com](http://www.owyheepublishing.com).*

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Without all of you, we would not have the funds to continue our support of our veterans, community and community events in memory of all our veterans.

Trainer enters national mustang competition

An Adrian horse trainer has been asked to show off his skills as part of a wild mustang training competition.

Matt Zimmerman, a self-employed trainer who works all over the Treasure Valley, has been selected to compete in the Western States Horse Expo Mustang Challenge. He has 100 days to gentle an American mustang.

The challenge ends during the June 6-9 in Sacramento.

The 34 trainers for the competition were selected after horsemen nationwide submitted applications. Finalists received their pre-selected horses March

6-8 in Sacramento.

Zimmerman received a 4-year-old bay mustang mare out of the High Rock Herd near Gerlach, Nev.

Zimmerman was raised on a cattle ranch in central Nevada and has been involved with horses all his life.

And he’s no stranger to mustangs.

“When I lived on the ranch, I rode a great mustang horse that I really liked,” Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman also has had experience training a pair of wild horses in the Australian Outback.

“I have always wanted to train an American mustang because I watched them growing up in the Nevada desert. I am excited for this opportunity,” Zimmerman said.

According to an April 8 press release announcing the competition, the trainers will be evaluated on the body condition

of their mustangs as well as their ability to handle the horse “in hand” through a series of maneuvers. The maneuvers include picking up the horse’s feet, maneuvering it through obstacles and loading it into a trailer.

After the “in hand” course, the trainers will mount their animals and complete a “horse course” that will include a series of obstacles and require the trainer to demonstrate the level of competency the horse has accomplished.

The trainers will be judged by a panel of three skilled horsemen, including well-known clinician and speaker John Lyons of Parachute, Colo.

The public will have a chance to adopt the mustangs after the competition, but there is a series of requirements that must be met. Adoption will be conducted in a competitive bidding process at the expo in June.

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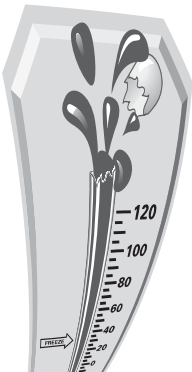
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# El-Ada offers HIV/AIDS tests

Van, personnel visit Homedale on Friday, plan return

On the heels of a bleak report regarding the Southwest Idaho Hispanic population and HIV/AIDS, personnel from two community outreach organizations were in Homedale on Friday, offering free preliminary tests.

Beck Fenton and Katy Kujawski from El-Ada Community Action Partnership and Annie Clayville of ALPHA (Allies Linked for the Prevention of HIV and AIDS) manned a mobile testing unit Friday in the parking lot of the Owyhee County El-Ada office.

Friday marked the second visit to Homedale that the mobile testing unit has made. Only one person had stopped for at test in the first hour that the women were on site.

Another mobile testing session is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 6 at the Owyhee County El-Ada office at the corner of West Colorado Avenue and South 1st Street West. Kujawski said Friday's session was advertised through flyers at the Terry Reilly Medical Clinic in Homedale as well as flyers distributed by Owyhee County El-Ada director Janet Clapier.

Kujawski, who is the HIV prevention specialist for El-Ada, said she usually undertakes mobile outreach in the Boise area about four times a month.

"We target anybody and



## El-Ada offers free HIV testing

Beck Fenton, left, and Katy Kujawski from the El-Ada Community Action Partnership look over paperwork during Friday's free HIV testing at El-Ada's Owyhee County office in Homedale on Friday.

everybody," she said.

Fenton, an El-Ada family development specialist, said that nationally men and women 50 years and older comprise the second-highest risk group for contracting the virus.

Closer to home, a report released April 7 by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention said that more than 45 percent of Hispanics newly diagnosed with AIDS or HIV in the Southwest District Health coverage area were in the latter stages of the disease, reflecting a lack of testing to catch the disease earlier.

Owyhee County is part of the six-county Southwest District Health network.

Kujawski said that Friday's oral swab testing was unrelated to the release of the report.

Participants were able to get preliminary results from testing in 20 minutes. She said that anyone who tests positive for the virus that causes AIDS through the mobile program is referred to a medical caregiver for a more detailed screening through a blood draw.

— JPB



## Mentoring volunteers feted

Mentors from the Homedale area recognized by The Mentoring Network earlier this month included, from left: board member Sharon Frost, communications volunteer Rebecca Quirk, fundraising/recruiting volunteer Betty Arriaga and recruiting volunteer Fletcher Harris (seated). Submitted photo

# Homedale mentors honored in Nampa

Homedale-area residents were among the group of mentors feted April 3 at The Mentoring Network's annual Mentor Appreciation Dinner.

The dinner was held at Nampa First Church of the Nazarene, and The Mentoring Network executive director Donna Shines said volunteers from the Homedale, Caldwell, Vallivue, Parma and Nampa school districts were honored for "strengthening our communities by friendship building with school-referred youth," according to a press release.

Shines said the network's 120 mentors and other guests were asked to save their change and

bring it to the dinner. More than 100 pounds of coins were donated, totaling \$1,238.72 for The Mentoring Network's endowment fund. The table with the heaviest coin contribution won Cold Stone Creamery gift certificates.

Mentors representing Homedale at the dinner included board member Sharon Frost, communications volunteer Rebecca Quirk, fundraising/recruiting volunteer Betty Arriaga and recruiting volunteer Fletcher Harris.

For information, call Shines at 459-2844 or e-mail donna.shines@MentoringNetworkID.org or visit www.MentoringNetworkID.org

# Basque club elects officers



## Txoko Ona welcomes new board members

The Txoko Ona Basque club recently elected its 2008 board of directors. The board includes:

Back row, from left: Dan Uranga, treasurer; Tony Uranga, board member; John Lejardi, president; Mark Asumendi, board member; Tim Quintana, alternate board member; John Badiola, board member; and Ric Uria, board member.

Front row, from left: Andrea Burch, board member; Fred Egurrola, board member; and Diana Maxwell, secretary. Submitted photo

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# A touch of spring in Owyhee County

## F&G cleanup rids Snake River of more than a ton of trash

A cleanup of the Snake River coordinated by the Idaho Department of Fish Game netted 2,500 pounds of garbage Saturday.

Dennis Hardy from Fish and Game's Southwest Region office in Nampa said the litter included bottles, cans, tires and other forms of refuse.

Hardy also said that the number of volunteers nearly doubled from previous years. There were 70 people scouring the riverbank on both the Owyhee County and the Canyon County sides of the river, including 50 volunteers from Wal-Mart.

"Wal-Mart joined us this year for the first time, and the extra 50 pair of boots on the ground

made a big difference on the area we managed to cover this year," Hardy said.

One group of Wal-Mart volunteers covered a mile-long stretch of Owyhee shoreline near Bernard's Landing.

Hardy said the extra bodies allowed crews to clean from Marsing almost as far upstream as Swan Falls. In the past, the cleanup stretched only as far as Walter's Ferry, he said.

"I'm very proud of all our volunteers, and I hope that each year we can continue to gain and continue to educate folks on the importance of keeping our public areas and waters clean," Hardy said.



**Volunteers do Snake River spring cleaning**

A record number of volunteers fanned out on the banks of the Snake River in Owyhee and Canyon counties on Saturday as part of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's cleanup project. Crews collected all sorts of refuse from Walter's Ferry to the Idaho highway 55 bridge in Marsing. A group of volunteers from Nampa's Wal-Mart stores and their families retrieved barbecues, gear boxes, car brakes, corrugated metal and beer cans along about a mile-long stretch of Owyhee County riverbank. They ended their cleanup project at Bernard's Landing off Idaho 78.



**Fishing and fashion**

Homedale's Rhyalee Nix, 4, tries to perfect the action of casting Saturday during the Spring Fling event sponsored by the Western Idaho Community Action Partnership (WICAP) offices in Marsing and Wilder. Nix also made a fashion statement, wearing the flying rings handed out by Bureau of Land Management personnel as a visor during one of the first sunny days of spring.



**BLM staffer teaches fire awareness at Spring Fling**

Jessica Gardetto, a wildland fire prevention specialist with the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Office, hands a flying ring to Marsing 5-year-old Irma Mendoza during Saturday's Spring Fling at Island Park in Marsing. Gardetto asked children a few questions about fire safety before doling out pencils, erasers, the disks and Smokey Bear activity books.

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# Homedale Scouts clean up park for service project

A group of Homedale youth involved in the Boy Scouts of America spent Wednesday evening cleaning up City Park.

According to Ned Stokes, scout master for Boy Scout Troop 409 and Cub Scout Pack 409, the project grew out of a January meeting at which Homedale city leaders

spoke.

Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson and Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller talked to the scouts about civic responsibility, and Stokes said Wilson told the boys that he would appreciate some cooperation with work around town.

About a dozen Scouts raked leaves from around the tennis court fences and bushes and gathered up piles of locust pods at the park, according to Stokes.

Stokes, who has been involved in Scouting for 40 years, also said that seven of the Cub Scouts used the service project

as part of their quest to earn Arrow of Light awards. The Arrow of Light is the highest honor available to a Cub Scout.

“In order to earn, they have to participate in a daytime activity with the Boy Scouts,” Stokes said.

— JPB

## WICAP plans for preschool enrollment

Western Idaho Community Action Partnership (WICAP) locations serving Marsing and Homedale are accepting applications for the agency’s 2008-09 preschool program.

Children must be 3 or 4 years old before Sept. 1, 2008, to be eligible to enroll.

To apply, families must provide proof of their household gross annual income, and their children’s birth records and immunization records for evaluation.

Evaluation sessions will be held at the Marsing and Homedale-Wilder-Parma locations from 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on May 1 and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 2.

Marsing WICAP is located at 120 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., and the WICAP that serves Homedale, Wilder and Parma is located at 305 Avenue A in Wilder.

Appointments are required for the evaluations. Marsing parents can call 896-6041, and Homedale parents can call 482-7223.

Enrollment priority for the federally funded program is given to families whose income meets the established Federal Poverty Income Guidelines and to children who are 4 years old. Acceptable verification of income includes W-2s, 1040 tax forms, wage stubs, a statement from the employer or a statement from Health and Welfare.

Head Start is a preschool child development and family involvement program that provides children with nutritious meals, individualized learning and transportation in certain areas, socialization experiences, health services, social services and special services for children with disabilities.

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205/65TR-15	103.27	215/55HR-16	136.31
215/65TR-15	118.24	225/55HR-16	157.96
205/65TR-16	137.28	215/55VR-17	180.80
215/65TR-16	130.60	225/55HR-17	186.23
225/65HR-16	152.00	225/55VR-17	186.23
235/65TR-16	147.03	235/55HR-17	179.80
215/65TR-17	157.27	225/55TR-18	192.39
195/60TR-15	110.40	225/50VR-16	156.74
195/60HR-15	97.42	205/50VR-17XL	173.80
205/60HR-15	104.34	215/50VR-17XL	177.42
215/60TR-15	115.03	225/50TR-17	206.61
205/60HR-16	133.64	235/50VR-17	194.03
205/60VR-16	134.30	245/50VR-17	205.71
215/60TR-16	142.63	245/50VR-18	241.19
215/60TR-16	127.75	235/45ZTR-17	185.75
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195/65HR-15	75.25	245/50HR-16	123.57
205/65HR-15	80.68	205/50VR-16	91.42
215/65HR-15	86.93	215/50VR-16	114.53
215/65TR-15	92.14	225/50VR-17	124.35
195/60HR-14	64.08	205/45VR-16	100.13
215/65HR-16	95.83	215/45ZTR-17	113.67
195/60HR-15	72.89	225/45ZTR-17	116.62
205/60HR-15	76.29	235/45ZTR-17	117.11
215/60HR-15	84.81	245/45ZTR-17	125.50
225/60HR-15	102.15	245/45ZTR-18	173.30
205/60HR-16	96.73	205/40HR-16	86.09
215/60HR-16	102.13	215/40HR-16	97.98
225/60HR-16	107.52	215/40ZTR-17	112.74
235/60HR-16	109.92	275/40ZTR-17	166.40
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205/55VR-16	86.28	225/40ZTR-18	155.32
205/55VR-16	92.14	235/40ZTR-18	158.82
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215/55VR-17	115.97		

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P205/75SR-14	77.22	P195/65TR-15	96.43
P205/75SR-14	82.39	P205/65TR-15	100.21
P205/75SR-15	85.44	P215/65TR-15	104.30
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P235/75SR-15	95.89	P185/60TR-14	114.40
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235/75SR-15	55.09	175/60HR-13	39.15
175/70HR-13	47.61	185/60HR-13	44.93
185/70HR-13	52.30	185/60HR-14	45.80
175/70HR-14XL	52.52	195/60HR-14	49.76
185/70HR-14	55.29	205/60HR-14	55.12
195/70HR-14	62.12	195/60HR-15	53.21
205/70HR-14	56.72	205/60HR-15	58.08
205/70HR-15	54.21	215/60HR-15	59.02
215/70TR-15	59.26	205/60HR-16	66.75
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LT245/75R-16	E 102.84	LT325/65R-20BW	D 259.01
LT255/70TR-16	C 96.87	LT355/55R-18BW	D 224.90
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LT235/85SR-17	E 224.91	P235/70SR-15	B 152.10	P275/65TR-18	B 209.56
P205/75SR-15	B 114.96	P235/70SR-16BW	B 162.10	LT375/65R-16BW	D 261.84
P215/75SR-15	B 119.33	P235/70SR-16	B 162.10	LT275/65R-18	E 244.73
P225/75SR-15	B 122.53	P235/70TR-16	B 162.10	LT325/65R-18	E 251.96
P235/75SR-15	B 128.57	P235/70TR-16	B 162.10	LT285/65SR-18	E 244.73
P235/75SR-15XL	B 135.00	P245/70SR-16	B 151.05	LT325/65R-20BW	D 259.01
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P235/75TR-16	B 145.17	P275/70HR-16BW	B 171.66	P275/60TR-17	B 186.25
P245/75SR-16	B 157.11	P275/70SR-17	B 184.87	285/60SR-18BW	D 202.33
P265/75SR-16	B 154.31	P245/70SR-17	B 185.77	P275/60TR-20	B 242.86
P235/75SR-17	B 162.04	P255/70SR-17	B 180.59	LT325/60SR-18BW	D 244.69
P245/75SR-17	B 168.58	P265/70SR-17	B 172.96	LT355/60SR-20BW	E 392.54
LT235/75R-15	C 140.35	P285/70TR-17	B 216.47	LT325/60R-20BW	D 405.79
LT225/75R-16BW	E 163.88	P285/70SR-18	E 285.31	LT355/60R-20BW	D 426.66
LT245/75R-16	C 169.30	LT355/70R-18	E 247.87	295/55HR-18BW	B 191.00
LT245/75R-16	E 169.32	LT275/70SR-18	E 257.57	LT325/60R-22BW	E 328.14
LT265/75SR-16	C 176.33	LT275/70SR-18	E 257.57	LT325/60R-24BW	E 396.78
LT265/75SR-16	E 191.19	LT265/70SR-17	E 227.38	305/50TR-20BW	B 273.85
LT265/75SR-16	E 206.04	LT285/70SR-17	E 257.57	LT325/60R-22BW	E 328.14
LT285/75SR-16	E 231.18	LT285/70SR-17	E 257.57	LT325/60R-24BW	E 396.78
LT285/75SR-16	E 231.18	LT285/70SR-17	E 257.57	305/40SR-22BW	B 285.00
LT315/75SR-16	E 247.32	255/65HR-16BW	B 142.83	30/9.50R-15	C 148.49
LT245/75SR-17	E 231.18	P235/65HR-17	B 176.87	31/10.50R-15	C 168.21
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# Wilson Butte 4-H club sets trail ride

Members of the Wilson Butte 4-H club are planning their fifth annual Cowboy Trail Ride and Poker Run for April 27 at the Blackstock Ranch.

The ranch is located on Idaho highway 78 between Marsing and Givens Hot Springs.

Registration for the fundraising event will begin at 9:30 a.m. Cowpokes can hit the trail until 11 a.m.

The dusty trail includes Sidewinder Gulch and Easy Keepers Flat. Along the way, riders will draw Wild West cards.

The top three poker run winners will earn prizes, while riders also will have a chance to win several other raffle items.

Horseless riders are welcome to join the fun and swap stories around the campfire as Cowpokes return from the ride for a lunch of buckaroo beans. The Sevy Family Band will provide music, and there will be a best-dressed little buckaroo contest for children 9 years old and younger.

For more information call the WB Trail Bosses at 896-4512 or 467-4250.



## Marsing FFA deems auction and barbecue a success

More than 200 folks turned out April 4 for the Marsing FFA chapter's first auction and barbecue inside the FFA shop on the Marsing High School campus. Submitted photo

## Marsing FFA news

by Kelsey Granden  
chapter reporter

The Marsing High School FFA chapter held its first-ever auction and barbecue on April 4.

We had a really good turnout, with 220 people showing up to

eat food and enjoy the auctions. Notus FFA advisor Jason Tindall cooked a delicious tri-tip steak on his barbecue grill.

There were three auctions that night — live, silent and bucket. We would like to thank

our advisory board for putting this together: Tom Beagley, Jim Briggs, Dean and Shelly Gaertner, Scott Jesen, Chris Salove and Eric and Wendy Stansell. We would also like to thank all the companies that donated the items

for the auctions.

The money raised is being used for state conventions and for rotation market animals.

Briggs and Jensen were our masters of ceremonies, and Tim Dines was our auctioneer.



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Petroglyphs offer peek into past

A tour guide explains petroglyphs to Homedale Middle School sixth-graders during Friday's field trip to Celebration Park in Melba. Photo by Lydia Aman

HMS sixth-graders take field trip back in time

by Lydia Aman

Homedale Middle School sixth-graders went on an archeological field trip on Friday to Celebration Park in Melba. On this trip, students got to use an atlatl, view petroglyphs, and hear about the old Indians around the area.

The first station my class went to was the petroglyphs. We learned how to tell which petroglyphs were older than others and heard what the park rangers thought they meant. There was one petroglyph that resembled a star, which the rangers thought was the Indians' compass-like tool because the center line was 0.6 degrees away from north.

The next station was using the atlatl. An atlatl is a wooden device used to launch a dart or spear. This was the favorite station for a lot of the students, including me. At this station, students used the atlatl in an attempt to throw darts at targets with a woolly mammoth in the center with the promise a dollar prize to hit the center (nobody hit it in my group, though). In order to throw the darts you must



Learning the art of the atlatl

Trey Lane throws a dart using an atlatl Friday at Celebration Park in Melba as our author, Lydia Aman, prepares to fire her own dart. Photo by David Hann

place the dart on the atlatl and throw it.

The third station was a short hike. Students walked along a trail to a bridge. This bridge was by a part of the Snake River where some pioneers crossed. The field trip guide told us about the bridge's development and how it sounded like a train when you

shook the cords on the bridge. After this we had lunch and went to another station.

At one of the final stations, a guide showed us tools and devices that Indians used in daily life. She also showed us obsidian and other rocks. My favorite tool was the primitive device that they used to make holes in rocks.

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday morning, Owyhee Reservoir was 50 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 5,070 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out of the reservoir at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 240 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 360,722 acre-feet of water.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 8:30 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30):

Reynolds Creek					
Date	Year-to-Date		Temperatures		
	Precipitation		Max.	Min.	Avg.
04/08	14.4	37	25	29	
04/09	14.5	38	25	30	
04/10	14.7	36	21	29	
04/11	14.8	40	26	32	
04/12	14.9	49	24	37	
04/13	14.8	59	37	47	
04/14	14.7	66	43	55	

Current snow depth is 1 inch, with a snow water equivalent of 0.6 inches.

South Mountain					
Date	Year-to-Date		Temperatures		
	Precipitation		Max.	Min.	Avg.
04/08	27.2	41	25	30	
04/09	27.5	38	25	30	
04/10	27.5	40	22	29	
04/11	27.6	42	26	31	
04/12	27.6	51	25	38	
04/13	27.7	62	37	49	
04/14	27.8	63	48	56	

Current snow depth is 47 inches, with a snow water equivalent of 22 inches.

Mud Flat					
Date	Year-to-Date		Temperatures		
	Precipitation		Max.	Min.	Avg.
04/08	13.4	47	21	33	
04/09	13.5	44	19	33	
04/10	13.5	42	28	33	
04/11	13.5	45	23	35	
04/12	13.2	51	20	36	
04/13	13.3	60	28	44	
04/14	13.4	65	34	50	

Current snow depth is 17 inches, with a snow water equivalent of 7 inches.

Weather

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April 8	56	25	.00
April 9	56	27	.07
April 10	56	27	.00
April 11	58	24	.00
April 12	no reading taken		
April 13	no reading taken		
April 14	83	25	.00

Bruneau, GV schools plan kindergarten screening

Elementary schools in the Bruneau/Grand View School District have set dates for kindergarten screening for the 2008-09 school year.

Bruneau Elementary will hold screening from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today, while Grand View Elementary will hold screening from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Wednesday.

The screening only applies to children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2008.

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# Associated Taxpayers of Idaho legislative wrapup

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— Ed.

The 2008 Idaho Legislative Session adjourned (sine die) April 2. That was the 87th legislative day. Last year’s Legislative session adjourned March 30 after 82 days. The shortest session was 54 days in 1970 and the longest session was 118 days in 2003. This summary of 2008 tax legislation identifies what has already become law or appears to become law as well updates on tax bills considered late in the legislative process and are a couple new bills recently introduced, but did not get tax committee hearings.

## Looking back H599a Phase Out Personal Business Property Tax

In the final week of March, we reported that this bill to phase out business personal property tax was placed on the Senate 14th Order calendar for possible amendment. The Senate did amend the bill and the House did not concur with those amendments. As a result, a conference committee consisting of three senators and three representatives was formed late on April 1. The three senators were Brent Hill, Joe Stegner and David Langhorst. The three representatives were Dennis Lake, Jim Clark and Bill Killen.

On the morning of April 2, the conference committee met to address six issues the House had with the Senate amendments to H599a. One issue was dropped, but the remaining five were: 1) Why the operating (utility personal properties) are not exempted; 2) Why the personal property value exemption amount was limited to \$75,000; 3) Why no state general fund growth trigger for determining when the state could replace personal property taxes; 4) How the state personal property tax replacement dollars would be implemented under the local budget limitation formula; and 5) Why each business site gets the property tax exemption versus one exemption for each business.

The conference committee agreed on three of the House issues and unanimously passed a motion to amend the Senate amendment. The three amendments were: 1) Increase the personal property exemption amount from \$75,000 to \$100,000; 2) Require 5 percent fiscal year state general fund revenue growth before the state payment is triggered to replace personal property taxes; and 3) Limit the \$100,000 exemption amount to one taxpayer per county (versus per taxpayer property

## Preliminary summary of legislation

The following new laws and “potential” new laws can be found online at <http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/minidata.html>. They are listed below according to category.

There are still bills to be acted on. Bills that have been held in committee or that failed on the House or Senate floors have been removed from this summary. What remains is our preliminary summary of legislation that has already been signed by the Governor and/or become LAW without signature. Also included is legislation that may become LAW or an ADOPTED resolution depending on final action by the Governor.

**Note (I.C. §67-505):** (After legislative adjournment the Governor has 10 days, except Sundays, to act on legislative bills before they are certified by the Secretary of State as law (Monday this year). During the session, the Governor’s action must be within 5 days of getting the legislation, except Sundays).

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE/TOBACCO/CIGARETTE		
H358	CIGARETTES, PERMIT EXPIRATION, WHEN	LAW
H400	LIQUOR ACCT, AMOUNT, COMMUNITY COLL	LAW
S1382	LIQUOR LICENSE, FEES	LAW
S1398a	REDUCED CIGARETTE IGNITION PRPNSTY	LAW
S1413a	LIQUOR LICENSE, CERTAIN, REVISED	To Gov

FEES		
H443	IDAHO HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT ACT	LAW
H447a	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATN FEE, ADD’L	To Gov

FUELS TAX/FEES/TRANSPORTATION		
H359	AIRCRAFT ENGINE FUEL, EXCISE TAX	LAW
H586	MV, INSPECTION, AIR QUALITY	LAW
H657	GARVEE BONDS, HIGHWAY PROJECTS	LAW
S1460	MV, TEMPORARY TRIP PERMITS	LAW
SCR125	FUEL TAX AGREEMENTS, RATIFIED	ADOPTED

INCOME TAX		
H340	TAX DOCUMENTS, RETENTION, FORMAT	LAW
H342	INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, REFERENCE	LAW
H343	TAX, PERMANENT BLDG FUND, PERSON	LAW
H344	INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING, REVISED	LAW
H345	INCOME TAX, CODE REFERENCE	LAW
H349	VETERANS SUPPORT FUND CREATED	LAW
H431	SMALL EMPLOYER, TAX INCENTIVE	LAW
H549	INCOME TAX, COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN	LAW
H569	SPECIAL OLYMPICS IDAHO FUND	LAW
H588	INCOME TAX, GROCERY CREDIT	LAW
H615	INTERNAL REVENUE CODE/REFERENCE	LAW
H661	CORPORATE HEADQUARTRS INCENTIVE ACT	To Gov
H664a	RESEARCH ACTIVITY/INCOME TAX CREDIT	To Gov

MISCELLANEOUS		
H346	UNCLAIMED PROPERTY, INTEREST RATE	LAW
H420	PROPERTY TAX, PAYMENT METHOD	LAW
H432	LANDS, ROYALTY, RENEWABLE RESOURCES	LAW
H490	BOXING/MARTIAL ARTS, MONEYS DISTRIB	LAW
H548	COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM, REVISED	LAW
H567	SALES TAX EXMPTN/DIGITAL LEARNING	LAW
S1337	COUNTY, BALANCE SHEET/SUMMARY	LAW
S1401	REAL ESTATE LICENSE LAW, DEFINITNS	LAW
S1424	IRRIGATION DIST, LOCAL IMPRVMT DIST	LAW
S1485	BOND BANK AUTHORTHY, REVISIONS	To Gov

PROPERTY TAX		
H341	TAXING DIST BOUNDARIES, REVIEW	LAW
H387	LLC, CERTAIN, PROPERTY TAX	LAW
H418a	SCHOOL/COOP SERVICE AGCY/LEVY	LAW
H419	TAX COMM, CADASTRAL CERTIFICATION	LAW
H470a	LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMT/TAX LEVIES	LAW
H529a	TAX, GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PRODUCTION	LAW
H530	PROPERTY TAX RELIEF, INCOME	LAW
H544	PROPERTY TAX RELIEF, DEFERRAL	LAW
H550	PROPERTY TAX EXMPTN, BUSINESS INVST	LAW
H562	NEW CAPITAL INVESTMNT INCENTIVE ACT	LAW
H599a	TAX, PERSONAL PROPERTY, EXEMPT0	To Enrol
H680	COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE DIST	Pres signed
H691	PROPERTY ACQUIRED/TAX DEED/DISPOSAL	To Gov
HCR45	PROPERTY TAX, STUDY	ADOPTED
S1384	HEALTH DIST BDS, POWERS/DUTIES	LAW

SALES TAX		
H357	SALES TAX, PRESCRIPTIONS EXEMPT	LAW
H360	SALES TAX/RETAILR/SUBSTANTIAL NEXUS	LAW
H469	PROPERTY RENTAL/PERSONL PROPRTY TAX	LAW
H561	SALES TAX, PRODUCTION EXEMPTION	LAW

SCHOOL, EDUCATION FACILITY/FUNDS		
H399	COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TUITION	LAW
H457	SCHOOLS/BOND EQUALIZATN SUPPORT PRG	LAW
H532	SCHOOLS/FEDERAL FUND LOSS/REPLACE	To Gov
H607a	PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FUNDING	To Gov
S1429	HIGHER EDUC. BLDGS, PRIOR AUTHORIZN	LAW

STATE BUDGET		
H606a	REAL ID ACT, NOT IMPLEMENTED	To Gov

**Note** — It is still possible that more tax legislation could be removed or added in the above list.

site). There was no middle ground on the other issues. By the way, with the above amendments to the Senate amendments the annual estimated state fiscal impact for H599a is \$17.4 million when triggered.

By the end of the day April 2, the Senate passed the amended amendments to H599a. The House did likewise shortly after receiving

H599a from the Senate.

## H680 Community Infrastructure Districts (CIDs)

This bill passed the House in the last week of March and in the final days of the session it moved “Do Pass” from the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee and also passed the

Senate.

## H688 Local Option Sales and Use Tax

This bill passed the House and moved to the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee. After testimony and much committee debate H688 failed to pass the Senate committee on March 31.

## H693 Property Value Increase Limits, Tied to CPI Index

This bill proposes a property tax exemption for property that exceeds an “index-adjusted base value.” The exemption shall be applied before any other property tax exemptions, including the homeowner circuit breaker property tax reduction program.

“Base value” means the taxable value of tax year 2008 for property last sold prior to Jan. 1, 2009. For all other property, “base value” means the greater of the most recent purchase price or the taxable value of the tax year in which the most recent purchase was made. Any improvements to the property or change in its land use classification shall result in the “base value” being adjusted to reflect such changes plus an index-adjusted “base value”.

“Index” means an index (CPI-U by the U.S. Department of Labor) calculated by the State Tax Commission using an average of the 12 months of 2007 or the tax year prior to the most recent change in base value for the property in question.

“Index-adjusted base value” means the base value multiplied by the index.

The provisions of H693 apply to all property in Idaho for which there is a market value for assessment purposes (taxable value). In the event a property’s market value declines before a base value is established, a new base value shall be established reflecting that change in value.

The maximum homestead exemption of \$89,325 in the 2007 tax year (under current law) is annually adjusted according to a federal Idaho housing price index and as scheduled would increase to \$100,938 in tax year 2008. H693 with its proposed exemption repeals the existing annual homestead exemption adjustments so the maximum amount remains at the lesser of 50 percent or \$100,938 of the homestead value.

H693 is similar to a bill proposed last year that limited annual taxable property value increases to 3 percent. H693, like last year’s bill, does not limit annual property tax budget increases.

## H694 City/County New Construction Property Tax Component for Roads and Public Transportation

This bill changes how the new construction growth component of the 3% (plus growth) property

tax budget limitation law works. Currently the annual property tax budget increase from this component becomes part of the maximum allowable property tax budget for cities, counties and other local non-school taxing districts. H694 proposes that half of this new construction budget increase for cities and counties be attributed to transportation purposes. The maximum amount that could be levied for this purpose would be the sum of the amounts levied for such purpose over the preceding two years and the current year.

Cities and counties with responsibility for providing and maintaining public highways shall annually deposit such transportation money into their road construction fund. Cities and counties without such responsibility shall annually deposit such money into a local transportation matching fund which they shall create. Money in the fund may be used to remit to the Idaho Transportation Department or highway district (and city or county) as matching funds for construction costs associated with the construction, expansion or maintenance of public highways, or the costs of right-of-way acquisition for future public highways. Such money may also be remitted to a regional public transportation authority that provides service to the city or county.

In tax year 2007 the new construction property tax component levied for counties and cities was \$15.9 million and \$14.5 million, respectively. Thus, under H694, if half of the amounts were set aside for roads and public transportation this would be a total estimated combined \$15.2 million.

## Looking ahead

Today’s tax policy environment is an especially dynamic process and there is a need for taxpayer involvement, especially if Idaho growth costs and government services continue expanding at current rates.

Watch for action this summer and fall regarding the Legislature’s HCR45 and a 14-member committee to undertake and complete a study of Idaho’s property tax system, including its revenue expenditures. The goal is to determine if such expenditures might more reasonably be funded with alternative revenue sources. HCR45 appears to be targeted at county property taxes currently associated with criminal justice, juvenile justice and court system costs. The HCR45 interim committee would make recommendations regarding these and any other property tax relief measures.

## ATI tax conference

The Associated Taxpayers of Idaho’s 62nd annual tax conference will be held Dec. 3.

For more information on ATI, write P.O. Box 1665, Boise ID 83701 or call (208) 344-5581 or fax (208) 344-5582.



# Owyhee Public Lands Management Act

In the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session  
**S. 2833**  
**A BILL**

To provide for the management of certain public land in Owyhee County, Idaho, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

**SECTION 1.**  
**SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Owyhee Public Land Management Act of 2008”.

**SECTION 2.**  
**DEFINITIONS.**

- In this Act:
- (1) **ACCOUNT.**—The term “account” means the Owyhee Land Acquisition Account established by section 6(b)(1).
- (2) **COUNTY.**—The term “County” means Owyhee County, Idaho.
- (3) **OWYHEE FRONT.**—The term “Owyhee Front” means the area of the County from Jump Creek on the west to Mud Flat Road on the east and draining north from the crest of the Silver City Range to the Snake River.
- (4) **PLAN.**—The term “plan” means a travel management plan for motorized and mechanized off-highway vehicle recreation prepared under section 8.
- (5) **PUBLIC LAND.**—The term “public land” has the meaning given the term in section 103(e) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702(e)).
- (6) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.
- (7) **STATE.**—The term “State” means the State of Idaho.
- (8) **TRIBES.**—The term “Tribes” means the Shoshone Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation.

**SECTION 3.**  
**OWYHEE SCIENCE REVIEW AND CONSERVATION CENTER.**

(a) **Establishment.**—The Secretary, in coordination with the Tribes, State, and County, and in consultation with the University of Idaho, Federal grazing permittees, and public, shall establish the Owyhee Science Review and Conservation Center in the County to conduct research projects to ad-

dress natural resources management issues affecting public and private rangeland in the County.

(b) **Purpose.**—The purpose of the center established under subsection (a) shall be to facilitate the collection and analysis of information to provide Federal and State agencies, private landowners, and the public with information on improved rangeland management.

**SECTION 4.**  
**WILDERNESS AREAS.**

- (a) **Wilderness Areas Designation.**—
- (1) **IN GENERAL.**—In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following areas in the State are designated as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:
- (A) **BIG JACKS CREEK WILDERNESS.**—Certain land comprising approximately 52,826 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Little Jacks Creek and Big Jacks Creek Wilderness” and dated October 18, 2007, which shall be known as the “Big Jacks Creek Wilderness”.
- (B) **BRUNEAU-JARBIDGE RIVERS WILDERNESS.**—Certain land comprising approximately 90,007 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Bruneau-Jarbridge Rivers Wilderness” and dated October 18, 2007, which shall be known as the “Bruneau-Jarbridge Rivers Wilderness”.
- (C) **LITTLE JACKS CREEK WILDERNESS.**—Certain land comprising approximately 51,021 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Little Jacks Creek and Big Jacks Creek Wilderness” and dated October 18, 2007, which shall be known as the “Little Jacks Creek Wilderness”.
- (D) **NORTH FORK OWYHEE WILDERNESS.**—Certain land comprising approximately 43,413 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “North Fork Owyhee and Pole Creek Wilderness” and dated October 18, 2007, which shall be known as the “North Fork Owyhee Wilderness”.
- (E) **OWYHEE RIVER WILDERNESS.**—Certain land comprising approximately 267,328 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Owyhee River Wilderness” and dated Octo-

ber 18, 2007, which shall be known as the “Owyhee River Wilderness”.

(F) **POLE CREEK WILDERNESS.**—Certain land comprising approximately 12,533 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “North Fork Owyhee and Pole Creek Wilderness” and dated October 18, 2007, which shall be known as the “Pole Creek Wilderness”.

(2) **MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a map and legal description for each area designated as wilderness by this Act.

(B) **EFFECT.**—Each map and legal description submitted under subparagraph (A) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct minor errors in the map or legal description.

(C) **AVAILABILITY.**—Each map and legal description submitted under subparagraph (A) shall be available in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

(3) **RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Congress finds that, for the purposes of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)), the public land in the County administered by the Bureau of Land Management has been adequately studied for wilderness designation.

(B) **RELEASE.**—Any public land referred to in subparagraph (A) that is not designated as wilderness by this Act—

(i) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

(ii) shall be managed in accordance

with the applicable land use plan adopted under section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 1712).

(b) **Administration.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to valid existing rights, each area designated as wilderness by this Act shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that—

(A) any reference in that Act to the effective date shall be considered to be a reference to the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) any reference in that Act to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference to the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) **WITHDRAWAL.**—Subject to valid existing rights, the Federal land designated as wilderness by this Act is withdrawn from all forms of—

(A) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;

(B) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

(C) disposition under the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

(3) **LIVESTOCK.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—In the wilderness areas designated by this Act, the grazing of livestock in areas in which grazing is established as of the date of enactment of this Act shall be allowed to continue, subject to such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary considers necessary, consistent with section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)) and the guidelines described in Appendix A of House Report 101–405.

(B) **INVENTORY.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall conduct an inventory of existing facilities and improvements associated with grazing activities in the wilderness areas and wild and scenic rivers designated by this Act.

(C) **FENCING.**—The Secretary may construct and

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maintain fencing around wilderness areas designated by this Act as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to protect wilderness values.

(D) DONATION OF GRAZING PERMITS OR LEASES.—

(i) ACCEPTANCE BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall accept the donation of any valid existing permits or leases authorizing grazing on public land within the wilderness areas designated by this Act.

(ii) TERMINATION.—The Secretary shall terminate any grazing permit or lease acquired under clause (i) to ensure a permanent end to grazing on the land covered by the permit or lease.

(iii) PARTIAL DONATION.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—If a person holding a valid grazing permit or lease donates less than the full amount of grazing use authorized under the permit or lease, the Secretary shall—

(aa) reduce the authorized grazing level to reflect the donation; and

(bb) modify the permit or lease to reflect the revised level of use.

(II) AUTHORIZED LEVEL.—To ensure that there is a permanent reduction in the level of grazing on the land covered by a permit or lease donated under subclause (I), the Secretary shall not allow grazing use to exceed the authorized level established under that subclause.

(4) ACQUISITION OF LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with applicable law, the Secretary may acquire land or interests in land within the boundaries of the wilderness areas designated by this Act by purchase, donation, or exchange.

(B) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Any land or interest in land in, or adjoining the boundary of, a wilderness area designated by this Act that is ac-



*The Owyhee Public Land Management Act of 2008 provides for \$700,000 in law enforcement monies, which will add four positions to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and also pick up the tab for the salary and benefits of backcountry deputy George Reed.*

quired by the United States shall be added to, and administered as part of, the wilderness area in which the acquired land or interest in land is located.

(5) TRAIL PLAN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, after providing opportunities for public comment, shall establish a trail plan for public land in southwestern Idaho that addresses hiking and equestrian trails on the land designated as wilderness by this Act, in a manner consistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

(B) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that describes the implementation of the trail plan.

(6) OUTFITTING AND GUIDE ACTIVITIES.—Consistent with section 4(d)(5) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(5)), commercial services (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) are authorized in wilderness areas designated by this Act to the extent necessary for activities that fulfill the recreational or other wilderness purposes of the areas.

(7) ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.—In accordance with section 5(a) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1134(a)), the Secretary shall provide any owner of private property within the boundary of a wilderness area designated by this Act adequate ac-

cess to the property.

(8) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act affects the jurisdiction of the State with respect to fish and wildlife on public land in the State.

(B) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary may conduct any management activities that are necessary to maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations and habitats in the wilderness areas designated by this Act, if the management activities are—

(I) consistent with relevant wilderness management plans; and

(II) conducted in accordance with appropriate policies, such as the policies established in Appendix B of House Report 101–405.

(ii) INCLUSIONS.—Management activities under clause (i)

may include the occasional and temporary use of motorized vehicles, if the use, as determined by the Secretary, would promote healthy, viable, and more naturally distributed wildlife populations that would enhance wilderness values while causing the minimum impact necessary to accomplish those tasks.

(C) EXISTING ACTIVITIES.—Consistent with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and in accordance with appropriate policies, such as those established in Appendix B of House Report 101–405, the State may use aircraft (including helicopters) in the wilderness areas designated by this Act to survey, capture, transplant, monitor, and provide water for wildlife populations, including bighorn sheep, and feral stock, feral horses, and feral burros.

(9) WILDFIRE, INSECT, AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT.—Consistent with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)), the Secretary may take any measures that the Secretary determines to be necessary to control fire, insects, and diseases, including, as the Secretary determines appropriate, the coordination of those activities with a State or local agency.

(10) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The designation of a wilderness area by this Act shall not create any protective perimeter or buffer zone around the wilderness area.

(B) NONWILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—The fact that nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or heard from areas within a wilderness area designated by this Act shall not preclude the conduct of those activities or uses outside the boundary of the wilderness area.

(11) MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act restricts or precludes—

(A) low-level overflights of military aircraft over the areas designated as wilderness by this Act,

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including military overflights that can be seen or heard within the wilderness areas;

(B) flight testing and evaluation; or

(C) the designation or creation of new units of special use airspace, or the establishment of military flight training routes, over the wilderness areas.

(12) WATER RIGHTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The designation of areas as wilderness in section 4 of this Act shall not create an express or implied reservation by the United States of any water or water rights for wilderness purposes with respect to such areas.

(B) EXCLUSIONS.—This paragraph does not apply to any components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System designated by section 5.

**SECTION 5.  
DESIGNATION OF  
WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.**

(a) In General.—Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (167) (relating to the Musconetcong River, New Jersey) as paragraph (169);

(2) by designating the undesignated paragraph relating to the White Salmon River, Washington, as paragraph (167);

(3) by designating the undesignated paragraph relating to the Black Butte River, California, as paragraph (168); and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(170) BATTLE CREEK, IDAHO.—The 23.4 miles of Battle Creek from the confluence of the Owyhee River to the upstream boundary of the Owyhee River Wilderness, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(171) BIG JACKS CREEK, IDAHO.—The 35.0 miles of Big Jacks Creek from the downstream border of the Big Jacks Creek Wilderness in sec. 8, T. 8 S., R. 4 E., to the point at which it enters the NW 1/4 of sec. 26, T. 10 S., R. 2 E., Boise Meridian, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(172) BRUNEAU RIVER, IDAHO.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Ex-



*The Owyhee Initiative legislation submitted by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee last week preserves motorized access at Crutcher's Crossing even though that part of the Owyhee River will become part of the network of Wild and Scenic Rivers if the Initiative becomes law.*

cept as provided in subparagraph (B), the 39.3-mile segment of the Bruneau River from the downstream boundary of the Bruneau-Jarbridge Wilderness to the upstream confluence with the west fork of the Bruneau River, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the 0.6-mile segment of the Bruneau River at the Indian Hot Springs public road access shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a recreational river.

“(173) WEST FORK BRUNEAU RIVER, IDAHO.—The approximately 0.35 miles of the West Fork of the Bruneau River from the confluence with the Jarbridge River to the downstream boundary of the Bruneau Canyon Grazing Allotment in the SE/NE of sec. 5, T. 13 S., R. 7 E., Boise Meridian, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(174) COTTONWOOD CREEK, IDAHO.—The 2.6 miles of Cottonwood Creek from the confluence with Big Jacks Creek to the upstream boundary of the Big Jacks Creek Wilderness, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(175) DEEP CREEK, IDAHO.—The 13.1-mile segment of Deep Creek from the confluence with the Owyhee River to the upstream boundary of the Owyhee River Wilderness in sec. 30, T. 12 S., R. 2 W., Boise Meridian, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild

river.

“(176) DICKSHOOTER CREEK, IDAHO.—The 9.25 miles of Dickshooter Creek from the confluence with Deep Creek to a point on the stream 1/4 mile due west of the east boundary of sec. 16, T. 12 S., R. 2 W., Boise Meridian, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(177) DUNCAN CREEK, IDAHO.—The 0.9-mile segment of Duncan Creek from the confluence with Big Jacks Creek upstream to the east boundary of sec. 18, T. 10 S., R. 4 E., Boise Meridian, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(178) JARBIDGE RIVER, IDAHO.—The 28.8 miles of the Jarbridge River from the confluence with the West Fork Bruneau River to the upstream boundary of the Bruneau-Jarbridge Rivers Wilderness, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(179) LITTLE JACKS CREEK, IDAHO.—The 12.4 miles of Little Jacks Creek from the downstream boundary of the Little Jacks Creek Wilderness, upstream to the mouth of OX Prong Creek, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(180) NORTH FORK OWYHEE RIVER, IDAHO.—The following segments of the North Fork of the Owyhee River, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior:

“(A) The 5.7-mile segment from the Idaho-Oregon State border to the upstream boundary of the private land at the Juniper Mt. Road crossing, as a

recreational river.

“(B) The 15.1-mile segment from the upstream boundary of the North Fork Owyhee River recreational segment designated in paragraph (A) to the upstream boundary of the North Fork Owyhee River Wilderness, as a wild river.

“(181) OWYHEE RIVER, IDAHO.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the 67.3 miles of the Owyhee River from the Idaho-Oregon State border to the upstream boundary of the Owyhee River Wilderness, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(B) ACCESS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall allow for continued access across the Owyhee River at Crutchers Crossing, subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Interior determines to be necessary

“(182) RED CANYON, IDAHO.—The 4.6 miles of Red Canyon from the confluence of the Owyhee River to the upstream boundary of the Owyhee River Wilderness, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(183) SHEEP CREEK, IDAHO.—The 25.6 miles of Sheep Creek from the confluence with the Bruneau River to the upstream boundary of the Bruneau-Jarbridge Rivers Wilderness, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(184) SOUTH FORK OWYHEE RIVER, IDAHO.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the 31.4-mile segment of the South Fork of the Owyhee River upstream from the confluence with the Owyhee River to the upstream boundary of the Owyhee River Wilderness at the Idaho-Nevada State border, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the 1.2-mile segment of the South Fork of the Owyhee River from the point at which the river enters the southernmost boundary to the point at which the river exits the northernmost boundary of private land in sec. 25 and

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“(185) WICKAHONEY CREEK, IDAHO.—The 1.5 miles of Wickahoney Creek from the confluence of Big Jacks Creek to the upstream boundary of the Big Jacks Creek Wilderness, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.”.

(b) Boundaries.—Notwithstanding section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(b)), the boundary of a river segment designated as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System under this Act shall extend not more than the shorter of—

- (1) an average distance of 1/4 mile from the high water mark on both sides of the river segment; or
- (2) the distance to the nearest confined canyon rim.

(c) Land Acquisition.—The Secretary shall not acquire any private land within the exterior boundary of a wild and scenic river corridor without the consent of the owner.

## SECTION 6. LAND IDENTIFIED FOR DISPOSAL.

(a) In General.—Consistent with applicable law, the Secretary may sell public land located within the Boise District of the Bureau of Land Management that, as of the date of enactment of this Act, has been identified for disposal in appropriate resource management plans.

- (b) Use of Proceeds.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (other than a law that specifically provides for a proportion of the proceeds of a land sale to be distributed to any

trust fund of the State), proceeds from the sale of public land under subsection (a) shall be deposited in a separate account in the Treasury of the United States to be known as the “Owyhee Land Acquisition Account”.

- (2) AVAILABILITY.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the account shall be available to the Secretary, without further appropriation, to purchase land or interests in land in, or adjacent to, the wilderness areas designated by this Act, including land identified as “Proposed for Acquisition” on the maps described in section 4(a)(2).

(B) APPLICABLE LAW.—Any purchase of land or interest in land under subparagraph (A) shall be in accordance with applicable law.

(3) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection applies to public land within the Boise District of the Bureau of Land Management sold on or after January 1, 2008.

- (c) Termination of Authority.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—The authority provided under this section terminates on the earlier of—
- (A) the date that is 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act; or
  - (B) the date on which a total of \$8,000,000 from the account is expended.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Any amounts remaining in the account on the termination of authority under this section shall be—

- (A) credited as sales of public land in the State;

(B) transferred to the Federal Land Disposal Account established under section 206(a) of the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (43 U.S.C. 2305(a)); and

(C) used in accordance with that Act.

## SECTION 7. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES.

(a) Coordination.—The Secretary shall coordinate with the Tribes in the implementation of the Shoshone Paiute Cultural Resource Protection Plan.

(b) Agreements.—The Secretary shall seek to enter into agreements with the Tribes to implement the Shoshone Paiute Cultural Resource Protection Plan to protect cultural sites and resources important to the continuation of the traditions and beliefs of the Tribes.

## SEC. 8. RECREATIONAL TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLANS.

(a) In General.—In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the Secretary shall, in coordination with the Tribes, State, and County, prepare 1 or more travel management plans for motorized and mechanized off-highway vehicle recreation for the land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the County.

(b) Inventory.—Before preparing the plan under subsection (a), the Secretary shall conduct resource and route inventories of the area covered by the plan.

- (c) Limitation to Designated Routes.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the plan shall limit recreational motorized and mechanized off-highway vehicle use to a system of designated roads and trails

established by the plan.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to snowmobiles.

- (d) Temporary Limitation.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), until the date on which the Secretary completes the plan, all recreational motorized and mechanized off-highway vehicle use shall be limited to roads and trails lawfully in existence on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

- (A) snowmobiles; or
- (B) areas specifically identified as open, closed, or limited in the Owyhee Resource Management Plan.

- (e) Schedule.—
- (1) OWYHEE FRONT.—It is the intent of Congress that, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete a transportation plan for the Owyhee Front.

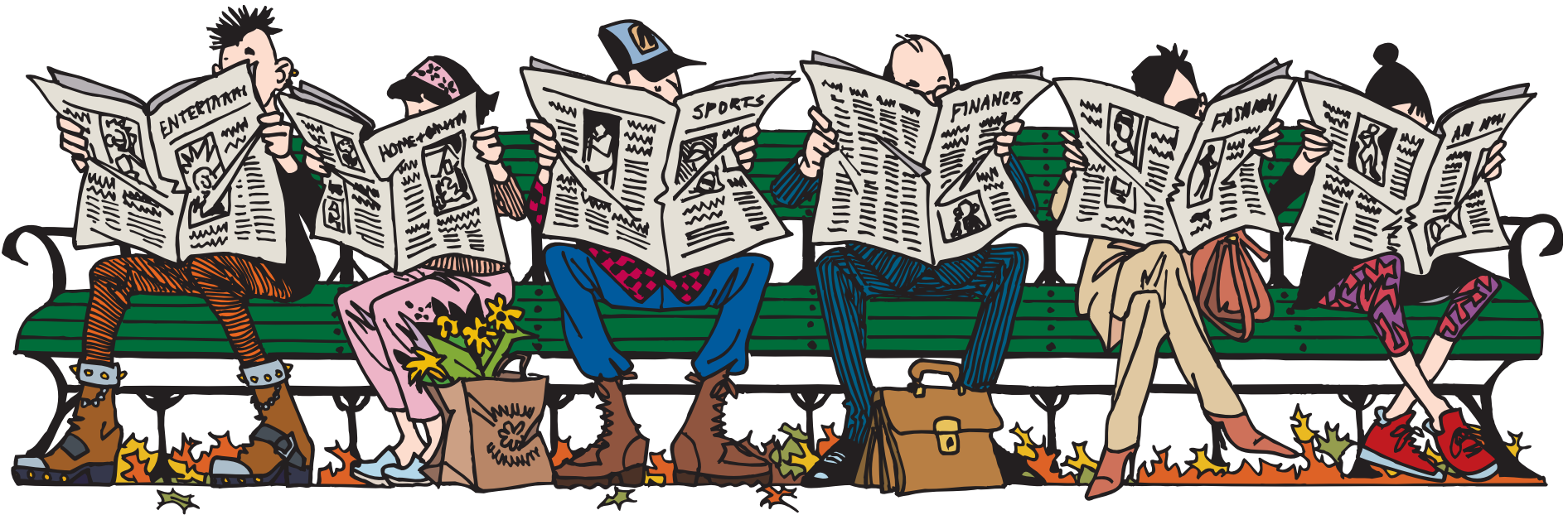
(2) OTHER BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND IN THE COUNTY.—It is the intent of Congress that, not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete a transportation plan for Bureau of Land Management land in the County outside the Owyhee Front.

(f) Effect of Section.—Nothing in this section precludes the Secretary from addressing nonrecreational travel management as part of the plan.

## SECTION 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

# Wednesday morning in Owyhee County



*That's when the Owyhee Avalanche hits the news stands*





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## Lean Beef Is the Hot Choice for Summer Grilling

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Bruschetta Burgers

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 to 35 minutes  
Makes 4 servings

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons minced green onions
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 4 slices rustic crusty bread, cut 1/2 inch thick
- Olive oil

Bruschetta Topping:

- 3/4 cup chopped red tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon thinly sliced fresh basil
- 1/4 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pepper

- Combine Bruschetta Topping ingredients in medium bowl; set aside.
- Combine ground beef, cheese, green onions and garlic in medium bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 1/2-inch thick patties.
- Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 11 to 13 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, covered, 7 to 8 minutes), turning occasionally, until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F.
- Meanwhile brush both sides of bread slices with oil. About 3 minutes before burgers are done, place bread on grid. Grill until lightly toasted, turning once.
- Season burgers with salt and pepper, as desired. Place 1 burger on each bread slice; top each with 1/4 cup Bruschetta Topping. Serve open-faced.

**Cook's Tip:** If using 95% lean ground beef, combine ground beef with 1/4 cup soft bread crumbs, 1 egg white and ingredients as directed above.

**Nutrition information per serving using 95% lean ground beef:** 285 calories; 8 g fat (4 g saturated fat; 3 g monounsaturated fat); 69 mg cholesterol; 653 mg sodium; 23 g carbohydrate; 1.4 g fiber; 29 g protein; 6.9 mg niacin; 0.4 mg vitamin B<sub>6</sub>; 2.2 mcg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>; 3.7 mg iron; 21.7 mcg selenium; 5.8 mg zinc.

**Nutrition information per serving using 80% lean ground beef:** 359 calories; 18 g fat (7 g saturated fat; 7 g monounsaturated fat); 82 mg cholesterol; 629 mg sodium; 21 g carbohydrate; 1.3 g fiber; 28 g protein; 6.1 mg niacin; 0.4 mg vitamin B<sub>6</sub>; 2.4 mcg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>; 3.3 mg iron; 19.4 mcg selenium; 5.6 mg zinc.

This recipe is an excellent source of protein, niacin, vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, iron, selenium and zinc; and a good source of iron.

Classic Beef Kabobs

Total preparation and cooking time:  
30 to 35 minutes  
Makes 4 servings

- 1 pound well-trimmed boneless beef top sirloin or beef tenderloin steaks, cut 1 inch thick
- 8 ounces medium mushrooms
- 2 medium red, yellow or green bell peppers, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Salt

Seasoning:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Cucumber-Yogurt Sauce:

- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1/3 cup finely chopped seeded cucumber
- 2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

- Cut beef steak into 1-1/4-inch pieces. Combine seasoning ingredients in large bowl. Add beef, mushrooms and bell pepper pieces; toss to coat.
- Alternately thread beef and vegetable pieces evenly onto eight 12-inch metal skewers, leaving small spaces between pieces.
- Place kabobs on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill kabobs, covered, 7 to 9 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, covered, 9 to 11 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning once. Season kabobs with salt, as desired.
- Meanwhile combine sauce ingredients in small bowl. Serve with kabobs.

**Cook's Tip:** Eight 12-inch bamboo skewers may be substituted for metal skewers. Soak bamboo skewers in water 10 minutes before using; drain.

**Nutrition information per serving using top sirloin:** 280 calories; 13 g fat (4 g saturated fat; 7 g monounsaturated fat); 55 mg cholesterol; 200 mg sodium; 9 g carbohydrate; 1.7 g fiber; 31 g protein; 10.1 mg niacin; 0.8 mg vitamin B<sub>6</sub>; 1.6 mcg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>; 2.4 mg iron; 36.9 mcg selenium; 5.5 mg zinc.

This recipe is an excellent source of protein, niacin, vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, selenium and zinc; and a good source of iron.

Grilled Peppery Top Round Steak With Parmesan Asparagus

Total preparation and cooking time:  
30 to 40 minutes  
Marinating time: 6 hours or overnight  
Makes 4 servings

- 1 beef top round steak, cut 3/4 inch thick (about 1 pound)
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese
- Salt

Marinade:

- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons steak seasoning blend
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper

- Combine marinade ingredients in medium bowl. Place beef steak and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.
- Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Toss asparagus with oil. Place steak in center of grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange asparagus around steak. Grill steak, uncovered, 8 to 9 minutes for medium rare (145°F) doneness, turning occasionally. (Do not overcook.) Grill asparagus 6 to 10 minutes or until crisp-tender, turning occasionally. (Over medium heat on preheated gas grill, covered, steak 10 to 11 minutes; asparagus 8 to 12 minutes.)
- Immediately sprinkle cheese over asparagus. Carve steak into thin slices. Season with salt, as desired. Serve with asparagus.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 238 calories; 10 g fat (3 g saturated fat; 6 g monounsaturated fat); 64 mg cholesterol; 272 mg sodium; 5 g carbohydrate; 2.5 g fiber; 31 g protein; 6.0 mg niacin; 0.5 mg vitamin B<sub>6</sub>; 1.5 mcg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>; 4.9 mg iron; 34.6 mcg selenium; 5.5 mg zinc.

This recipe is an excellent source of protein, niacin, vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, iron, selenium and zinc; and a good source of fiber.

Beef on the Grill

- Grill beef over medium heat. Too high heat can cause the exterior to char before the interior reaches the desired doneness. Charring or overcooking beef is not recommended.
- Always* cook burgers to 160°F, turning occasionally with a spatula — no pressing, please! Insert an instant-read thermometer directly from the side into the center of the burger to accurately determine the temperature. The color of cooked ground beef is not a reliable indicator of doneness.
- Turn steaks occasionally with tongs. Forks pierce the meat, and flavorful juices are lost. Use an instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally from the side into the center of steaks to determine doneness. The thermometer will register 145°F for medium rare, 160°F for medium steak doneness.







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